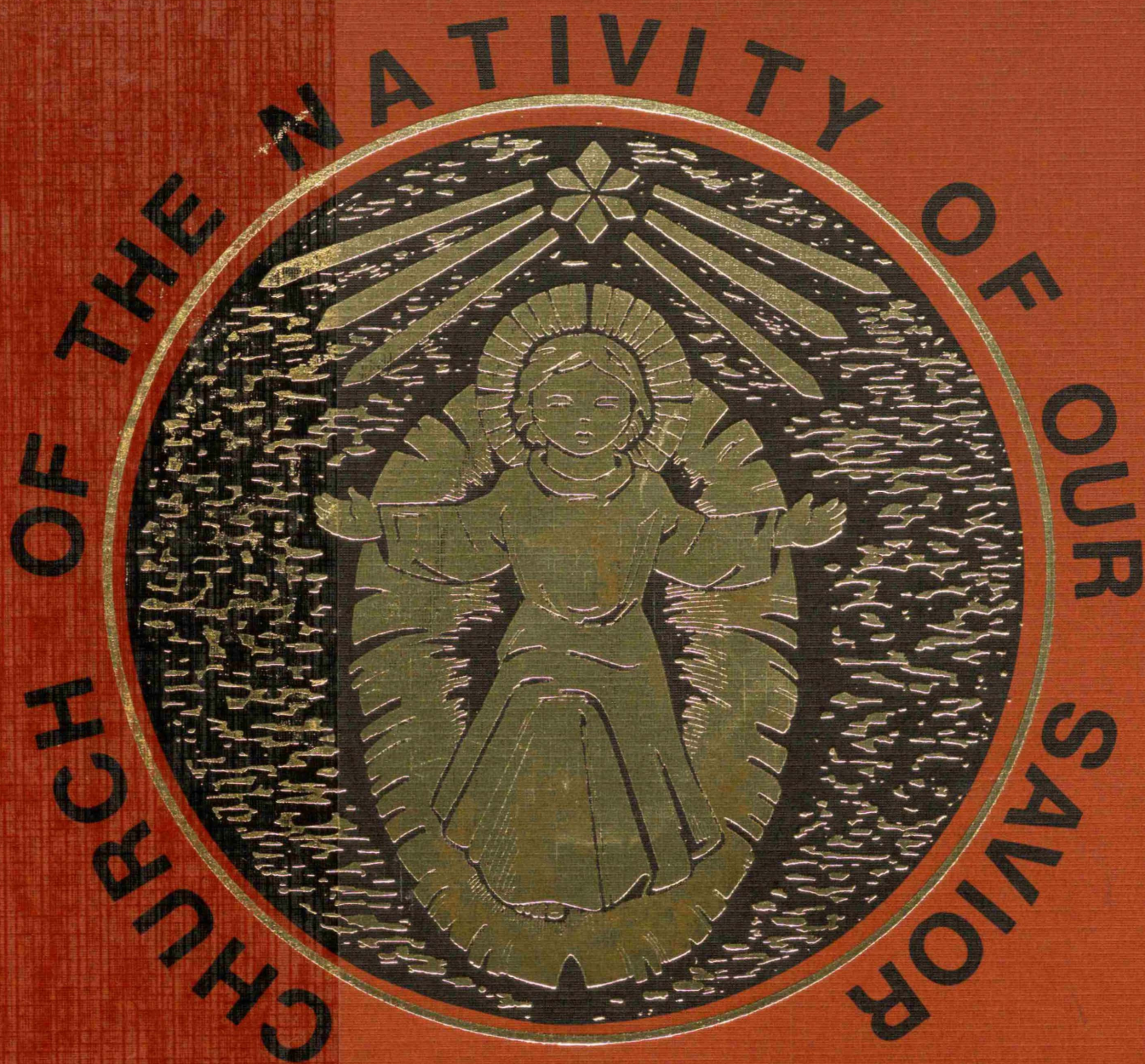




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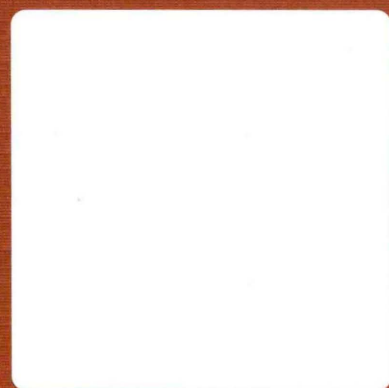


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POPE JOHN PAUL II



SECRETARIAT OF STATE

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FROM THE VATICAN, June 23, 1983

Dear Bishop Grutka,

The Holy Father was pleased to be informed of the dedication of the new church and altar at Nativity of Our Savior Parish in Portage.

On this joyful occasion His Holiness is united spiritually with all the parishioners. He gives thanks to the Lord for the graces bestowed on them, since the foundation of their Parish, through the preaching of the word of God and through the sacramental ministry of the Church, especially through the Eucharistic Sacrifice which in the expression of the Second Vatican Council remains "the source and summit of all Christian Life" (Lumen Gentium, 11).

The Holy Father prays that this special event will be for the whole parochial community an occasion for renewed fervor in authentic Christian living, according to the standards of the Gospel.

With these sentiments His Holiness sends his Apostolic Blessing, in pledge of joy and peace in Jesus Christ.

With every personal good wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Msgr. G.B. Re
Assessor

The Most Reverend Andrew G. Grutka
Bishop of Gary
Bishop's House
P.O. Box M-474
Gary, IN 46401

September 18, 1983

Reverend Carl F. Mengeling, S.T.D.
Nativity of Our Savior Parish
Portage, Indiana

Dear Father Mengeling and Nativity of Our Savior Parishioners:

The solemn blessing of the new Nativity of Our Savior Church concentrates attention to the significance of a consecrated place of prayer and worship. It also proclaims that such a place is the heart and hearth of a parish people. It is a sanctuary made available for parishioners to be alone with God - to sense the real presence of the Lord, to become imbued with the Holy Spirit, to humbly contemplate and communicate with the Divine. The power of all this is the most efficacious way to obtain heavenly favors.

The celebration of this momentous ecclesiastical event should resound with glorious hymns of praise and thanks along with a manifestation of an unrestrained spirit of joy.

The simple beginning of Nativity Parish is reminiscent of the very humble circumstances at the time of Christ's Nativity in Bethlehem. The Lord's welcome to Portage was to a small, plain, mobile structure stationed in the parking lot of a shopping mall. The faithful gathered around in their automobiles and from within them lifted their hearts and minds heavenward to God with devout sincerity.

The tall, solid, massive and impressive site that the new Nativity of Our Savior Church presents will attract the admiring gaze of many persons for years to come. The striking prominence of the Cross on the top of the church hopefully will remind passers-by that their salvation is entirely dependent upon it.

May the parishioners of Nativity Parish strengthened by the spiritual nourishment readily available in the sanctuary of their church become evermore neighborly, thus enabling them to promote the true spirit of communal considerateness and to be effective instruments in the making of the City of Portage the transport of civic peace, and the portal to family happiness much to their own and everyone else's delightful satisfaction.

May the vision, dedication, work and sacrifice on the part of the priests and people involved in the establishment of this parish and all those who with heart and hand have given and built this new temple now find their sacrificial offerings acceptable to God the Father and be favored with a perception of His delight and the bestowal of His heavenly blessings filled with inklings of the assurance of eternal bliss.

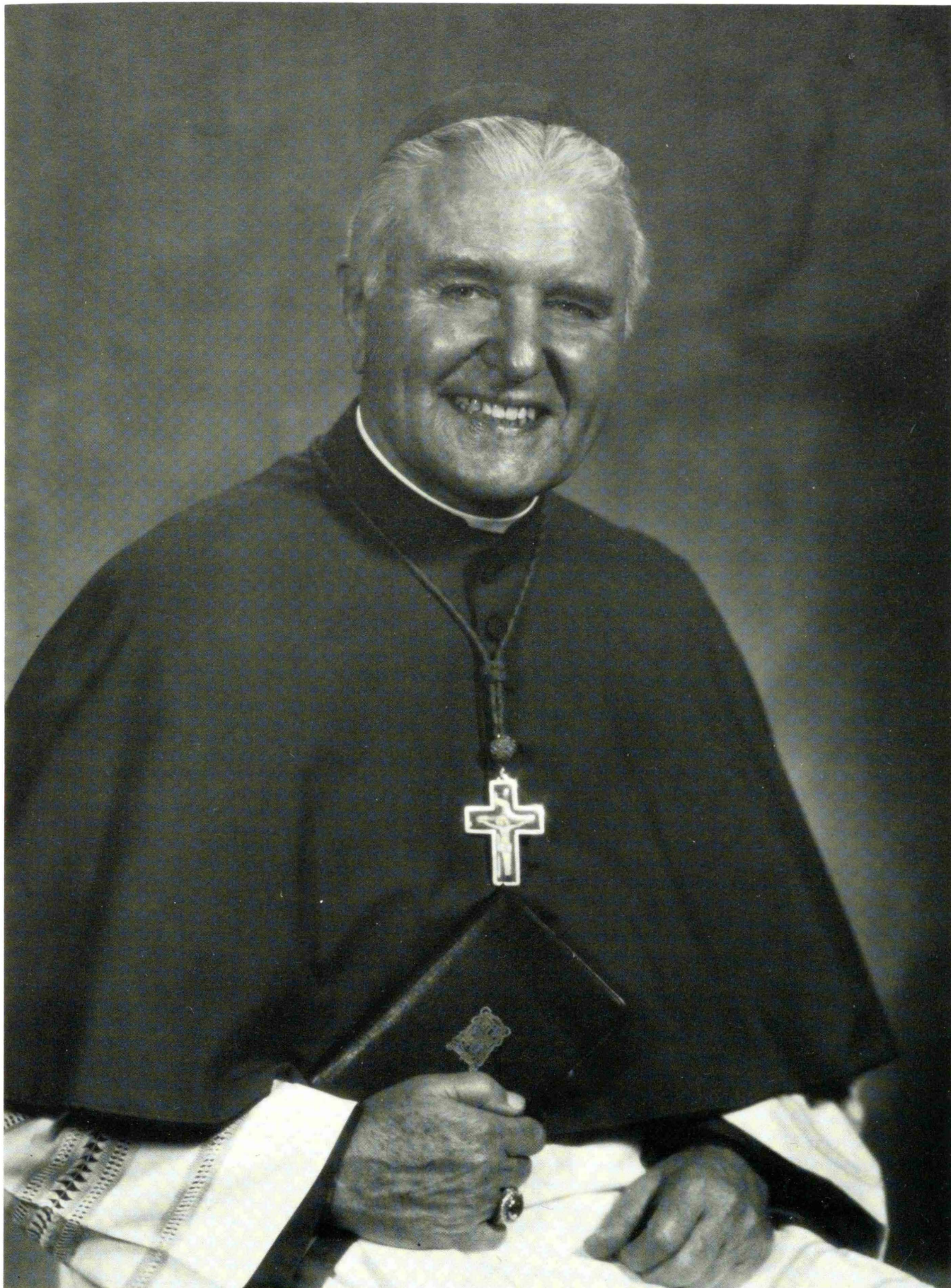
Father Mengeling, your devoted pastoral ministry inspired and motivated your beloved parishioners to rise to marvelous heights of Christian endeavor and brightened their spiritual lives so that they glow with comforting joy and encouragement. May your reward for all this be an intimate perception of the Lord's divine satisfaction in which He distinctly informs you "well done good and faithful servant."

With sincerest congratulations, prayerful best wishes and a cordial blessing,

Yours in the Lord,



Bishop Andrew G. Grutka





My Dear Parishioners:

In 1979 you enthusiastically accepted the noble task to build a church. The past four years have witnessed your visions, convictions, and sacrifices develop and take final form in our new church. The church stands, now and in the future, as an enduring monument to your faith, determination, cooperation, and love of God and your parish.

Allow me to share with you the faith-rationale that gives meaning to our church building and the whole Church.

The Church is God's house. God, who is everywhere, has a special presence in a church where believers gather. Jesus said, "Where two or three gather in my name, there am I in the midst of them." In the church we gather with God's Son, Jesus, to express our loving and thankful worship of the Father. In the church we are fashioned by Jesus into sons and daughters of the Father, and sisters and brothers of each other.

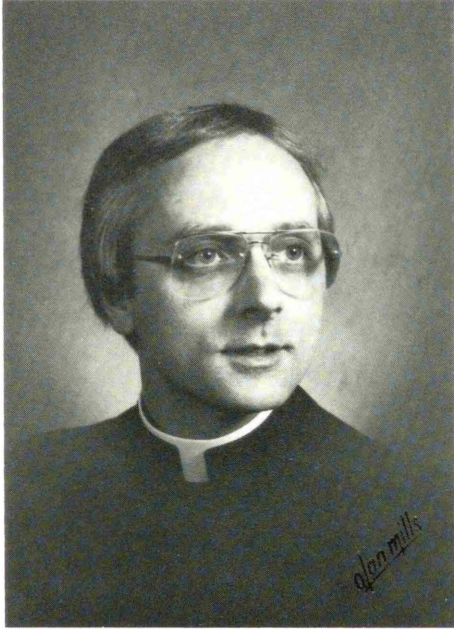
The Church is people whose faith and stewardship build up and extend the community of believers. This church is a testimony to the people who believe in the present and future of a part of the Lord's vineyard known as Nativity Parish.

The church is our second home. It is the center and impetus for many important events in our lives. In it, children and converts are reborn of water and the Spirit. We are nourished at the Lord's eucharistic table. We are taught God's wisdom and love. Couples are united in marriage by God before His altar. In times of trouble and tragedy, we seek solutions on our knees to life's problems. Sinners rise from the dead to new life in the sacrament of reconciliation. Yet, there is much more.

If we could look into the future to the decades and perhaps centuries in which this church will be used, and see the many generations who will meet their Saving Lord, then one thought blasts forth like a trumpet: What a singular Privilege and Honor it is to build a church!!! It is an endeavor that touches time and eternity. It will affect thousands today, and many generations in the future. You, your energy, time, and sacrifice, are part of the steel, concrete, and bricks of our new church. What a joy to be able to say, "This is my church. I am in that church."

As the pastor during the 'new church' project, my prayer is that our church truly be a house of prayer and inspiration. May its steel, concrete, and bricks come alive with the faith of worshippers. May it be truly a House of God and our home with God who dwells with us and in us.

Fr. Carl F. Mengershagen



Dear Parishioners of Nativity Parish:

What a great joy it is to dedicate the new church! In the four years I have been your assistant pastor, it has been an inspiration for me to see how hard you have all worked for this day. In times of economic uncertainty, only your sincere love of God could have accomplished such a feat.

I consider myself privileged to have been a part of this most important day in the history of the parish. My hope is that your prayers which rise to heaven within these sacred walls, will bring an abundance of God's blessings upon all of you and that your love of God may ever deepen and become a radiant example to the entire community.

Yours in Christ's love,

Rev. Stephen J. Tardio

St. John Catholic Church

PHONE 219-365-5678
P.O. BOX 306 - 11211 W. 93rd STREET
ST. JOHN, INDIANA 46373

July 2, 1983

Dear People of Nativity Parish,

It is with joy that I view the growth and progress that has been made at Nativity of Our Savior parish since 1964. The physical growth which was marked by the building of a parochial school and now the Church is the result of the combined efforts of the dedicated pastor and parishioners. All of this manifests a strong spiritual life of people who want not only for themselves, but for their children a "House of Prayer" where they can come and find Christ "the way, the truth and the life".

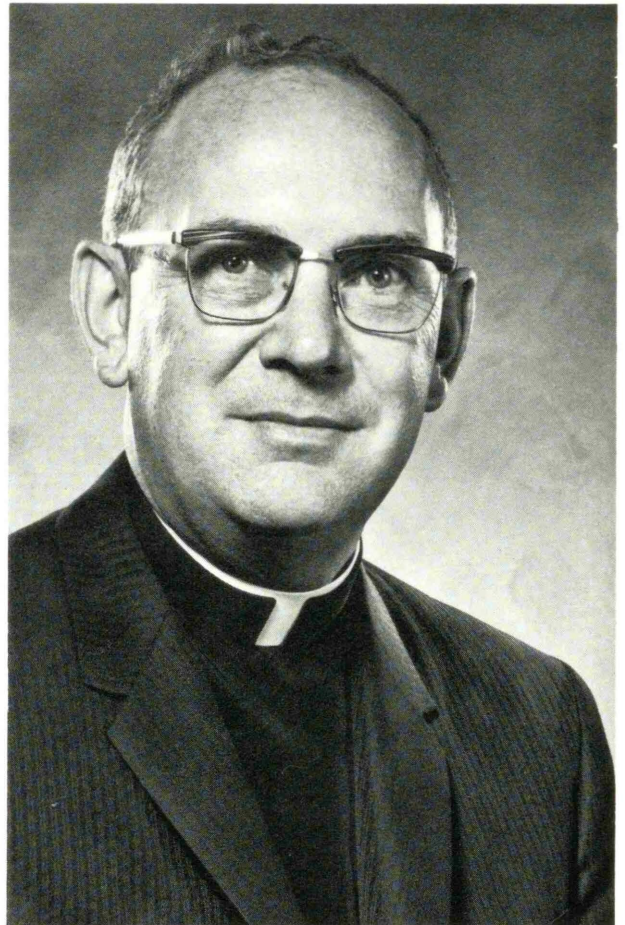
As for myself and the charter members of the parish we remember the Nativity as the "Chapel on the Mall". It is a history that only we will remember and others may not believe. At that time the Sanctuary, office and parish meeting room were all contained in a 10 X 50 foot trailer. The loud speakers were mounted on the light poles in the Mall parking lot. We had the best organized parking lot and no one could leave Mass early.

After eighteen (18) months of organization and committee work, the Church-Hall was built. We were no longer orphans. We had a roof over our heads. As for myself, I always will remember, with joy, the drive-in church, "the Chapel on the Mall".

May God bless you as you continue to grow in His love.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Joseph E. Tice



TELEPHONE 932-0702

Church of St. Joseph

5304 HOHMAN AVENUE
HAMMOND, INDIANA 46320

8 July, 1983

The Reverend Carl F. Mengeling, S.T.D.
Nativity of Our Savior Parish
2949 Willowcreek Road
Portage, Indiana 46368

Reverend and dear Father Mengeling,

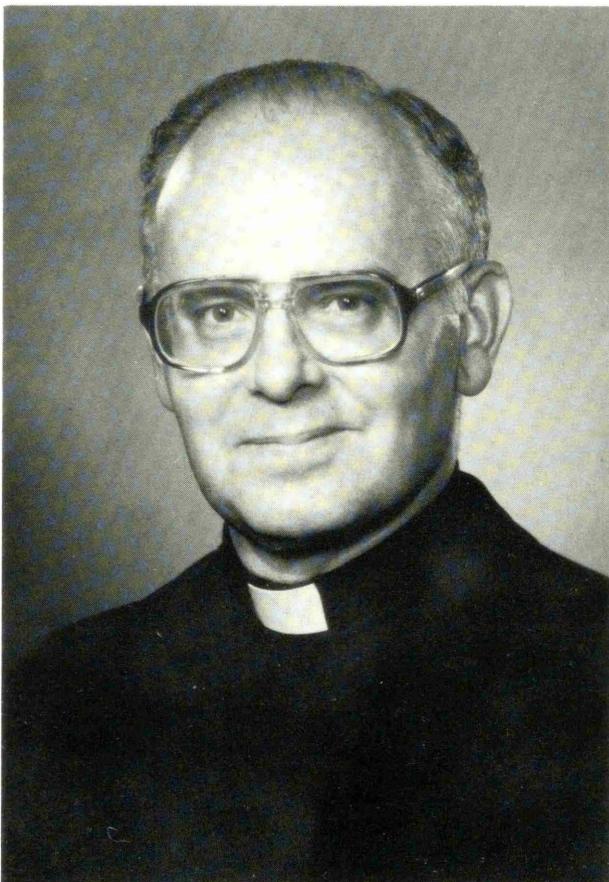
Hearty congratulations to the parish on the occasion of the completion and solemn dedication of the church! Thoughts of my first pastorate bring visions still fresh of the sincerity, hard work, and determination of this delightful community.

May this edifice always ring out the praises of God and be a fount of strength and charity for generations to come. With prayerful best wishes to you and all the good people of Nativity Parish, I remain

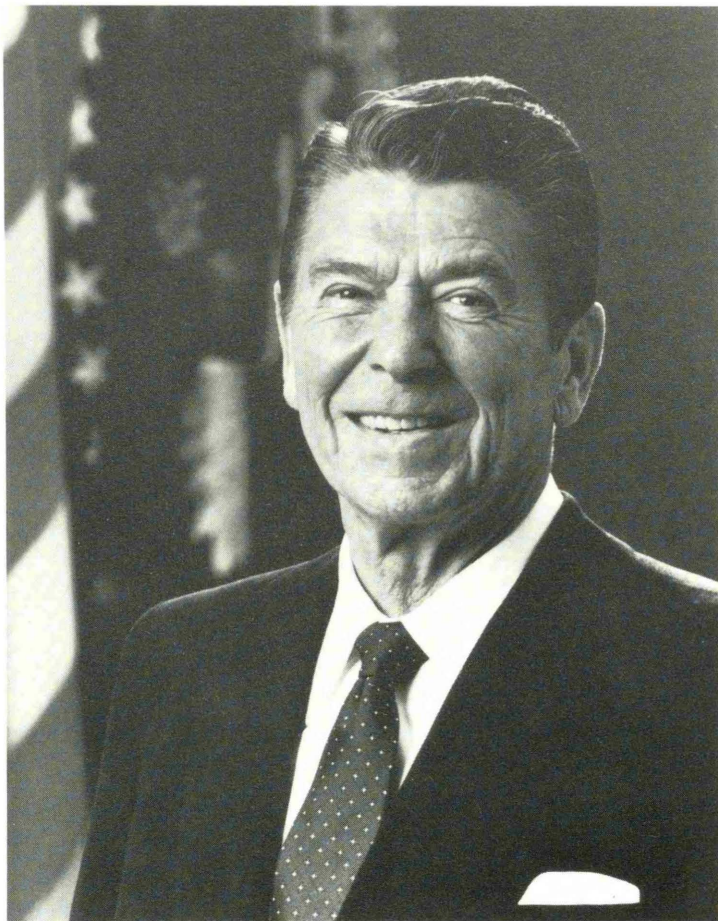
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. William J. Spranger

Reverend William J. Spranger
Pastor



WJS:db



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 5, 1983

To the Congregation of
Nativity of Our Savior Parish
2949 Willowcreek Road
Portage, Indiana 46368

Dear Friends:

President Reagan sends greetings and
congratulations as you gather for the
dedication of your new Church.

This is a truly memorable occasion in
the history of your Congregation. You
may be proud of the contribution you
have made to the Portage community and
of the respect and admiration you have
earned.

With the President's warm personal
regards and good wishes,

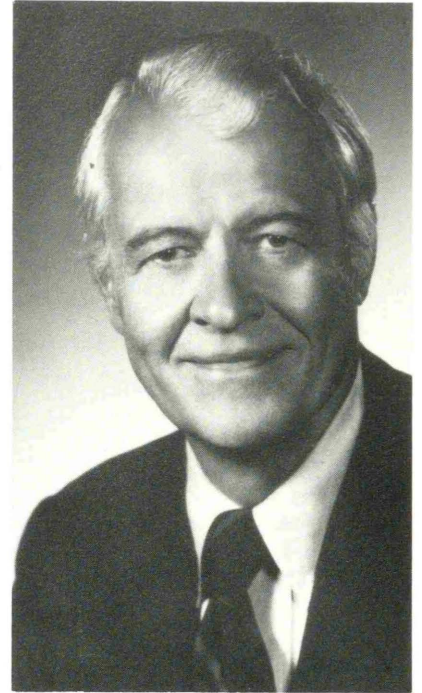
Sincerely,

DODIE LIVINGSTON
Special Assistant to the President

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204-2797

ROBERT D. ORR
GOVERNOR

June 29, 1983



Nativity of Our Savior Parish
2949 Willowcreek Road
Portage, Indiana 46368

Dear Members of Nativity Parish:

As Governor of the State of Indiana, it is always a pleasure to recognize and commend those organizations who make significant contributions to the religious and cultural life of our state and nation.

As members of Nativity Parish, your efforts are an outstanding example of Christian leadership, inspiration and hard work; you are to be commended for your dedication not only to your faith but for your perseverance in achieving your building goal as well.

Please accept my sincere congratulations and best wishes on this joyous occasion in the life of your congregation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert D. Orr".

ROBERT D. ORR
Governor of Indiana

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CITY OF PORTAGE, INDIANA



CITY HALL
6070 CENTRAL AVENUE
PORTAGE, INDIANA 46368

"Home of the Port of Indiana"

September 18, 1983

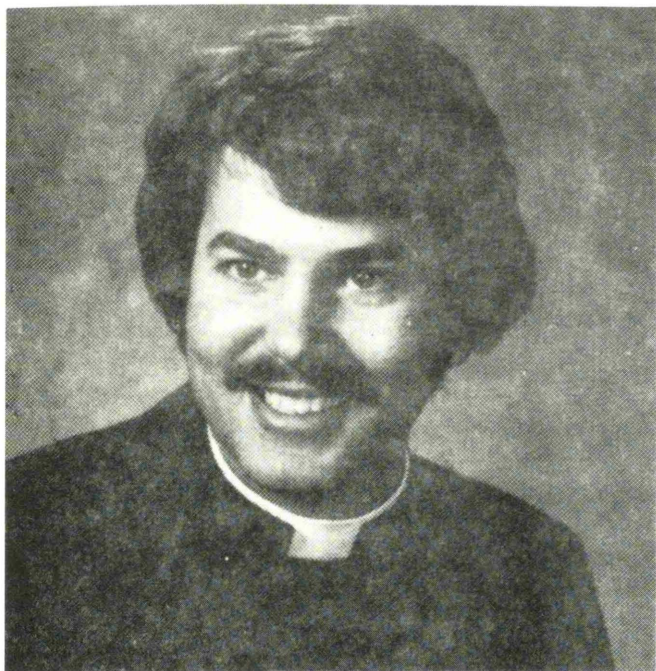
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
JOHN P. WILLIAMS
PHONE: 762-5425



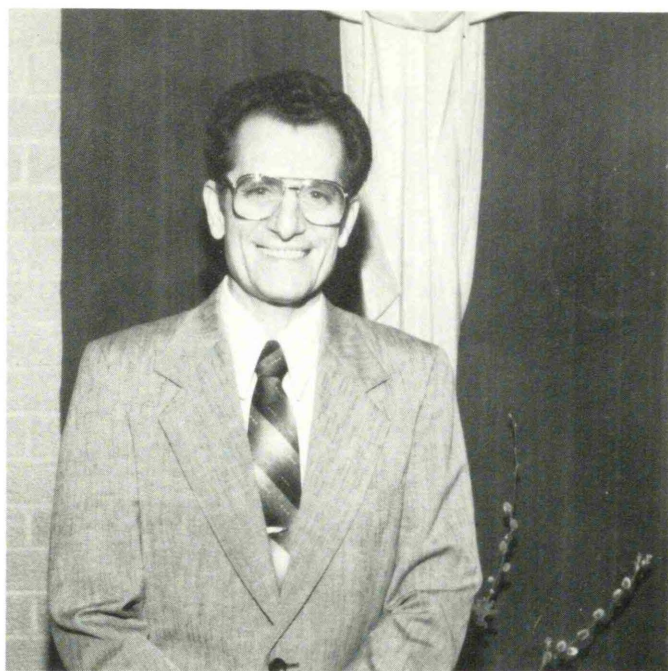
To Father Mengeling, to the members of his staff, and to each and everyone of the members of Nativity Parish: As Mayor of the City of Portage and as a fellow Christian, I want to commend you for your years of effort which have been dedicated to bringing into being a church that does honor to our city and that will act as a beacon of faith for the rest of our lives. Well done. May God bless you always.

John P. Williams

Mayor John P. Williams
City of Portage



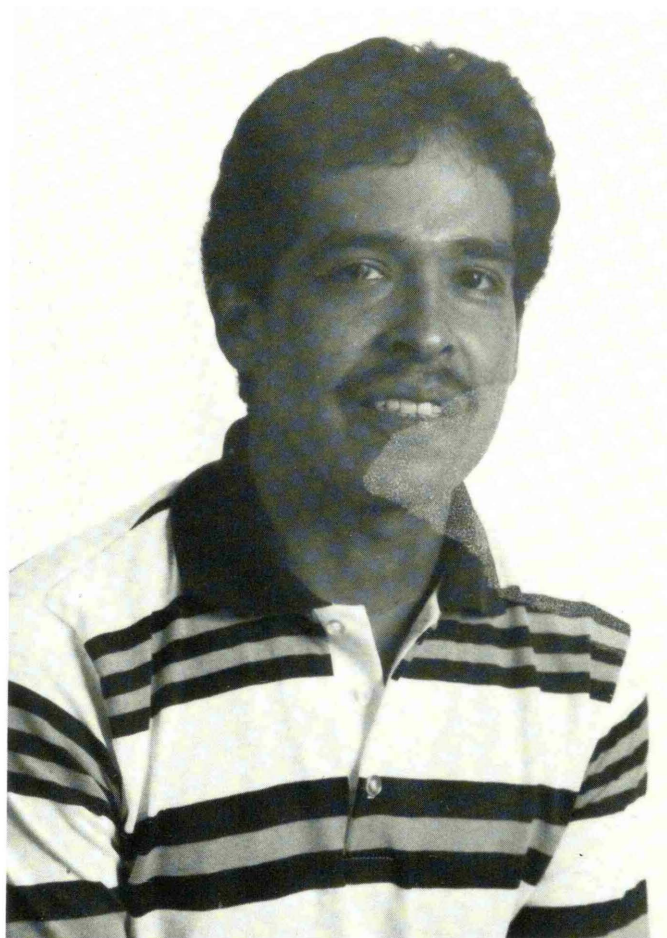
Father Sammie Maletta
First son of Nativity Parish to become a priest.
Ordained . . . August 15, 1980



Mr. Alexander A. Saims
Ordained Permanent Deacon
June 20, 1983

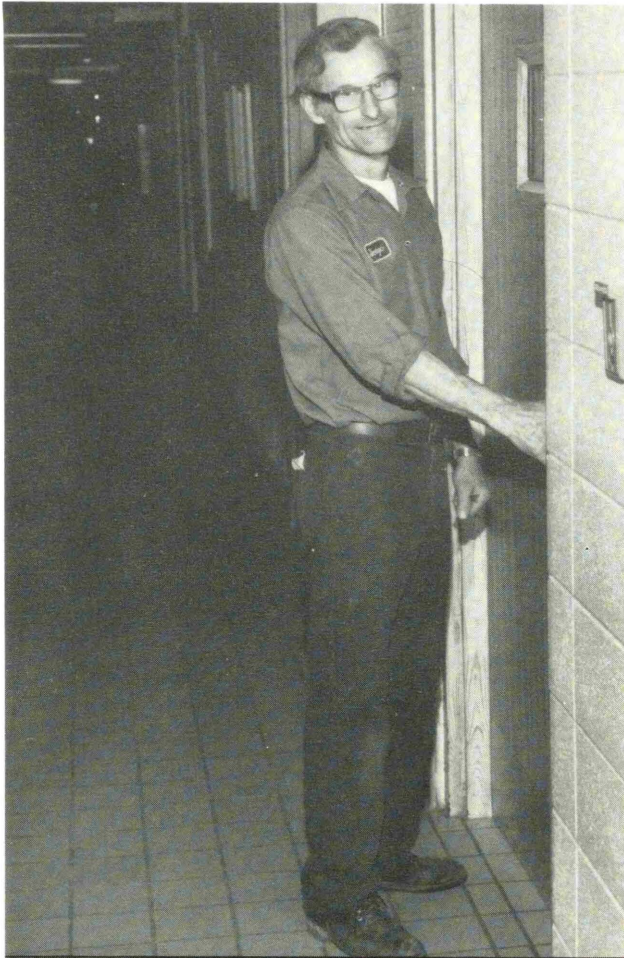


Mr. Robert Bonta
Ordained Permanent Deacon
June 17, 1984



Mr. Frank Torres
will be ordained as a priest
in 1984

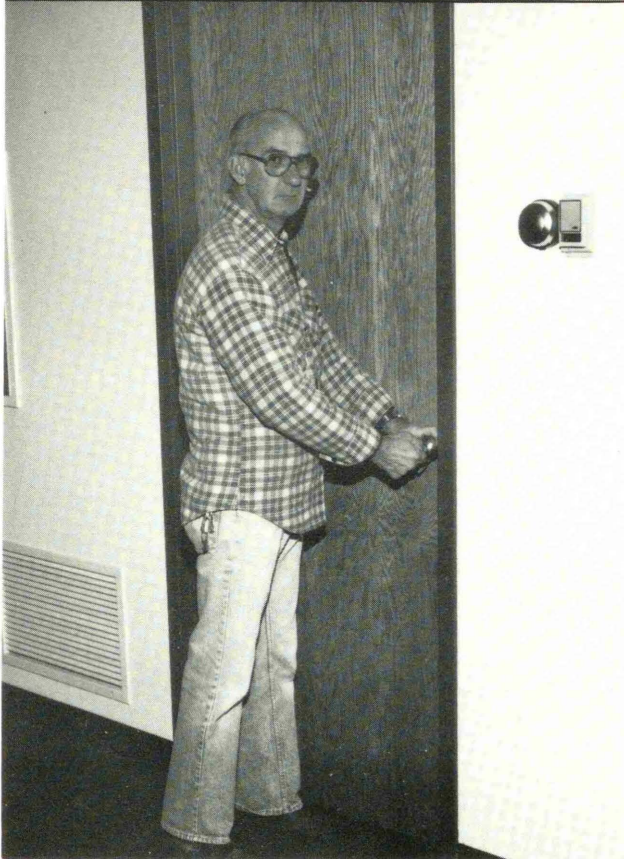
PARISH STAFF



George Markos
Head Custodian



Marlene Artz
Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper



Steve Kocsis
Church Custodian



Elaine Voye
Helen Shubat
Agnes Dixon
Ruth Newbert
Elivira Dason
Not pictured: Jean David

SACRISTY WORKERS

Phyllis Hedges
Margaret Nemergut
Helen Miller
Maxine Roskowski
Rose O'Malley
Christine Tumo
Elizabeth Lindstrom
Eleanor Lynn
Mary Ann Thews
Sharon Sanchez
Marlene Artz
Julia Payne
Not pictured:
Melvin Wiese



TABULATORS



KAFFEE KLATCH

Stephen Grandfield
Kevin Westerkamp
Vic Pedone

Mary Lach
Elvira Dason

Susan Barriball
Elda Arizpe

Liturgy Music

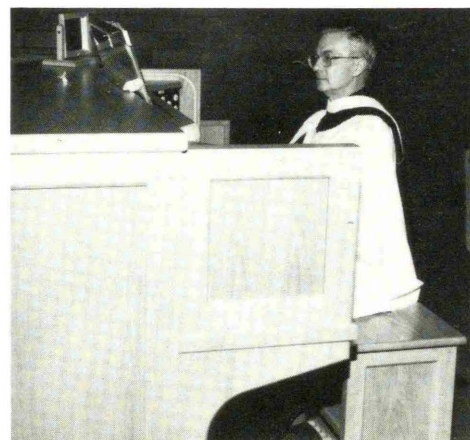
"REX GLORIAE"



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Mary Billick
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Mary A. Riddle
Dolores Riley
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Helen Yovanovich

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



T. Terrence Clark, M. Mus.



INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES

EXULTATE DEO ENSEMBLE

Keith Hoeckelberg - Cello
Beth Simola - Violin
Debbie Simola - Violin
Lewis Stahl - Violin
Lisa Buchwalter - Violin

JUBILATE DEO BRASS

Thomas Gerchak - Trumpet
Thomas Mesich - Trumpet
James Rossman - Trumpet
Jeff Kestner - Trombone

LAUDATE DEO

Angela Markos - Flute
Barbara Samplawski - Flute



PUERI CANTORES DE GREGORIO MAGNO



SANCTA CECILIA CHOIR

PUERI CANTORES

DE GREGORIO MAGNO

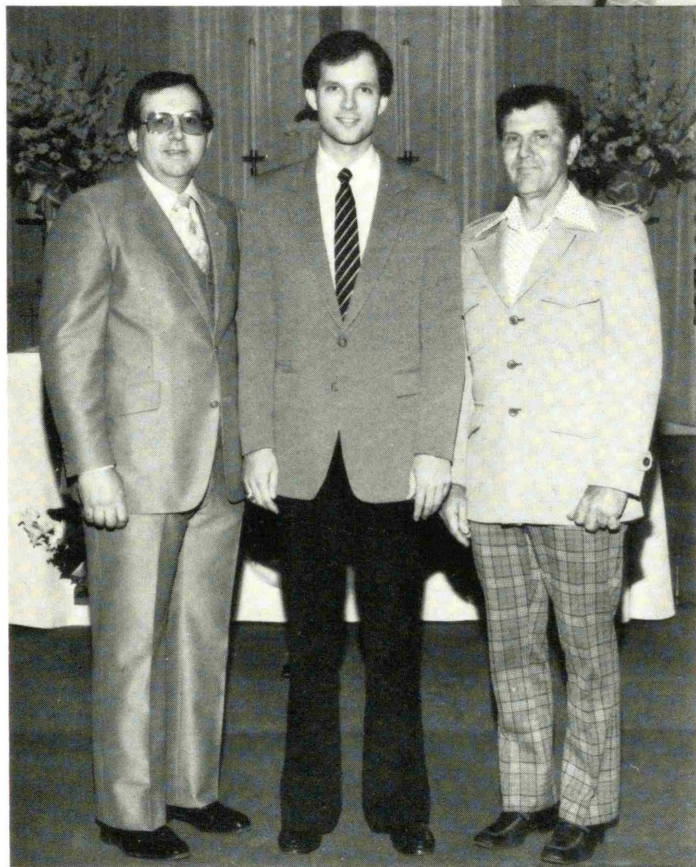
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Matthew Hendershott
Steven Henderson
Brian Huber
Jashua Jackson
Christopher Lukcevic
Philip Matusiak
Michael Mead
Christopher Mendoza
Richard Miazga
Albert J. Monroe
Michael Morales
David O'Malley
Mark Ontiveras
Isaac Pagan
Franklin Penzato
Robert Rodriguez
Stephen Shaw
Peter Torres
Christopher Zolkowski

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April Beres
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Angela Billick
Rebecca Billick
Jennifer Bunk
Melissa Cardenas
Colette David
Nicole David
Suzette David
Jennifer DuBois
Allison Gilliana
Victoria Grandfield
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Melissa Muffoletto
Kelly O'Malley
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Evette Pagan
Amy Parkinson
Jennifer Parkinson
Cherie Pierce
Catherine Shaw
Kristin Skwarlo
Tanya Shubat
Amy Smith
Carla Teso
Jennifer Villareal
Michele Zimmerman

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Marlene Artz



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Marlene Artz, Organist

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Marilyn Brack
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Mary Riddle
Annabelle St. Germain
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Barbara Sauer
Helen Shubat
Sandra Tapper





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LaVerne Papich
Kevin Huber
Sammie Maletta
Shawn Paulson

Lester Klein
Andrew Halaschak
Sharon Sanchez
Harry Wetklow
John Weaver
John Brajcki
Katherine Dorris
John Sanchez
James Sanchez
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Gerald Kegebein
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Sandra Tapper
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George Markos

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Eligio Morales, Jr.
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Ismael Pagan
Dennis Replin
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Gilbert E. Spisak
Gilbert F. Spisak
Timothy Spisak
Ivan Starcevich
Gregory Stofko
Joseph Suhānik
George Turzai
Kevin Westerkamp
Steve Zaparucha
William Zazado



ALTAR BOYS



There are
approximately
130 Altar Boys,
Ages 9 - 18.

Here are some
of the most
recent servers.





NATIVITY OF OUR SAVIOR SCHOOL STAFF



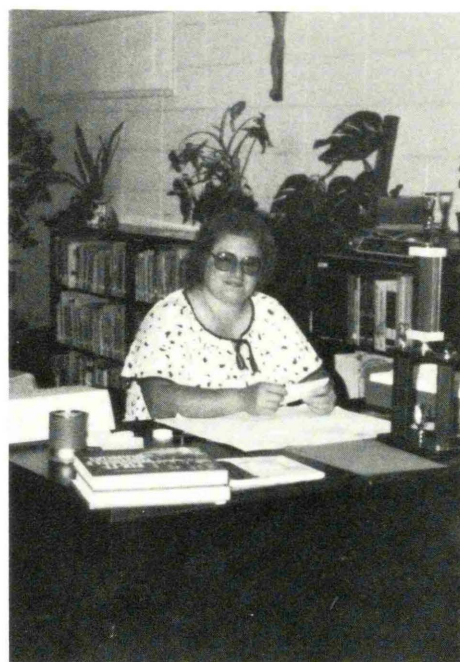
Teachers: Left to right front row; Connie Pupillo, Maura Collins, Margaret Gregory, Louise Karwowski, Lynn Lukmann Back row; JoAnn Abbott, Christine Vaughan, Katherine Schroeder, Diane Granacki and Christine Stevenson. Not pictured, Susan Dunn.



Secretary . . . Eunice Hiller



W. Stewart Gerber . . . Bus Driver



Librarian . . . Alisha Sanders



School Cafeteria Cooks and their helpers . . .

Nancy Heimberg, Anne Loehmer, Marilyn Baron, Gayla Bolint, Carol Gilliana, Judith Huber, Mary Lynn, Theresa Maletta, Stella Marentes, Shirley Massey, Carol Monroe, Sharon Sanchez, Sandra Tapper and Claudine Wick.

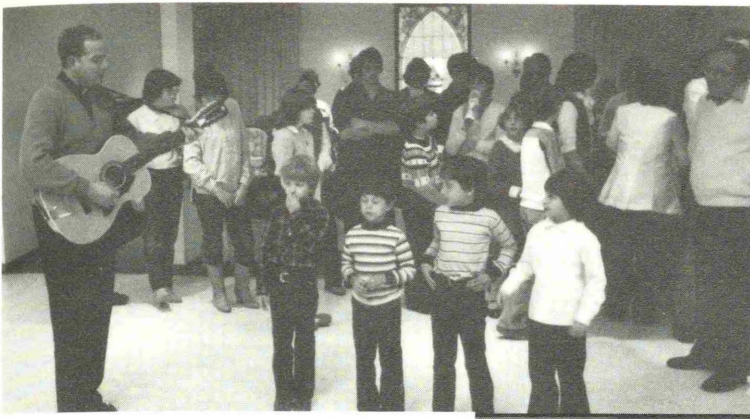
School
Activities
to be
planned
and
enjoyed.



Maple Sugar Time

Jesse Tree





Our students caroling for the residents of Fountainview Nursing Home.

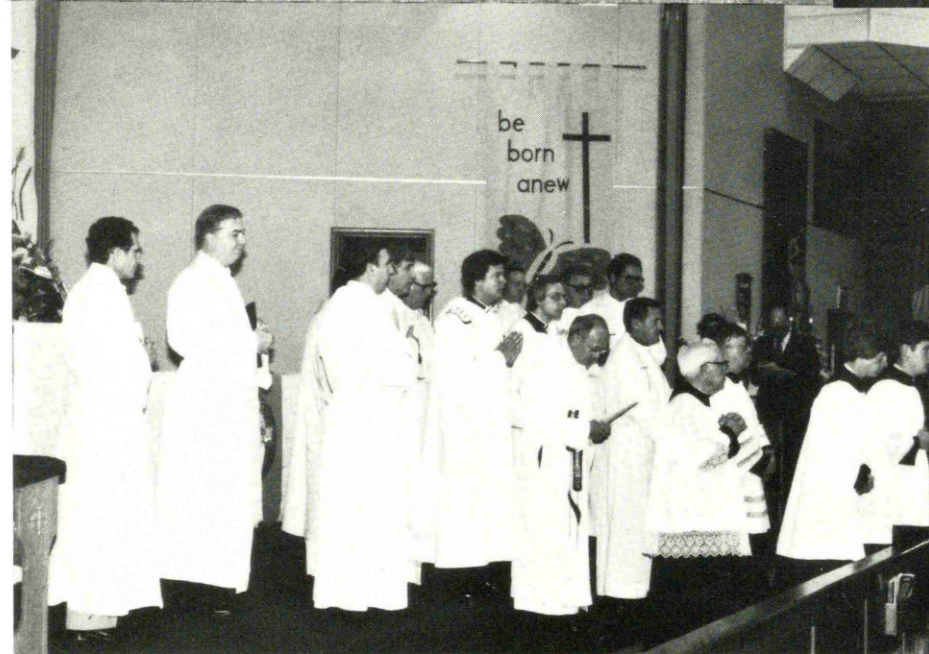
Christmas Play

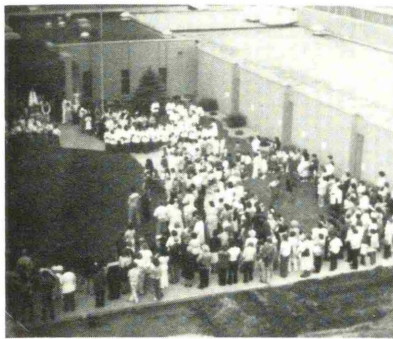


Arbor Day Planting

May Crowning







MAY PROCESSION 1983



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION "CCD"



DIRECTOR

Kathy Auksel

TEACHERS

Val Acevez
Jan Adamski
Donald Alkire
Delores Bellar
Sherry Beres
Robert Bonta
Michele Bryan
Calista Bussie
Dorothy Cain
Theresa Carr
Therese Christie
Antoinette Cindric
Grace Cooper
Judith Frain

Ana Grandfield
Margaret Gregory
Lucinda Hargarten
Mary Higgins
Anne Horvath
Julie Horvath
Julius Horvath
Margaret Horvath
Sandy Hufford
Rita Kimbrough
Michelle Krostag
Kathleen LaMantia
Terrence Levenda
Irene Markos

Betty Mesich
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Evelyn Pagan
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Teresa Papich
Diane Redlarczyk
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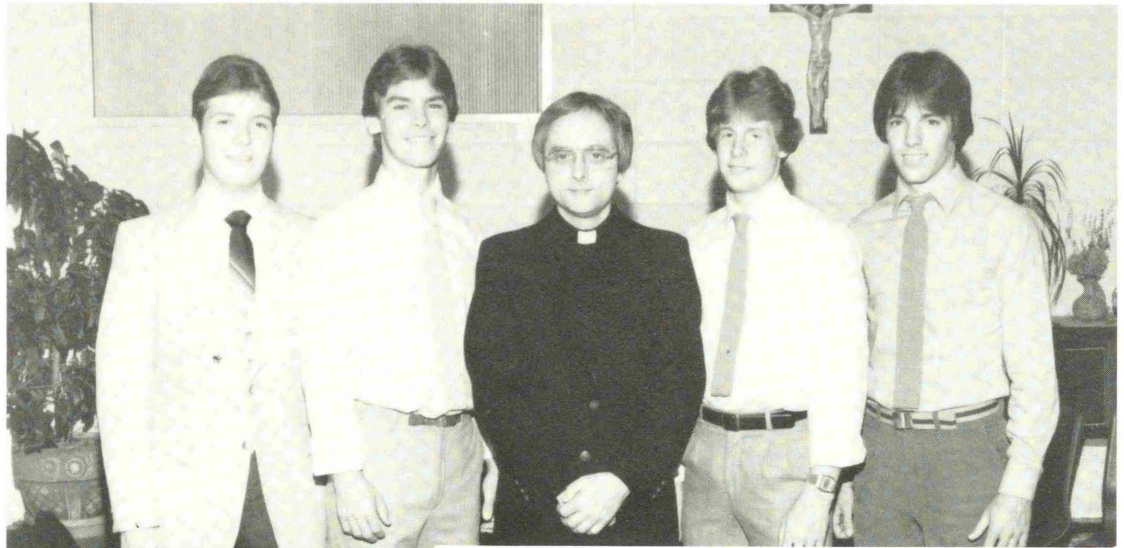
SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

LaVerne Papich, Director
Fr. Walter Ciesla, Spiritual Advisor
Margaret Hreha
Al Papich
Greg Papich
Paula Papich
Tim Spisak
Judy Walworth

YOUTH SERVICE

1982 - 1983 YOUTH GROUP OFFICERS

Fr. Stephen Titko
Kenneth Kaminski
Charles Heimberg
Kevin Huber
Daniel Mulvihill



SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

Timothy Spisak, 1983 recipient of the
Lindy Betancourt Youth Service Award

The first recipient
was Nathan Cindric.

COACHES

Adrian Marentes
Sharon Sanchez
Wilbert Monahan
Robert Bonta
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Judith Lambrecht
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John Sanchez





MARRIAGE PREPARATION COUPLES

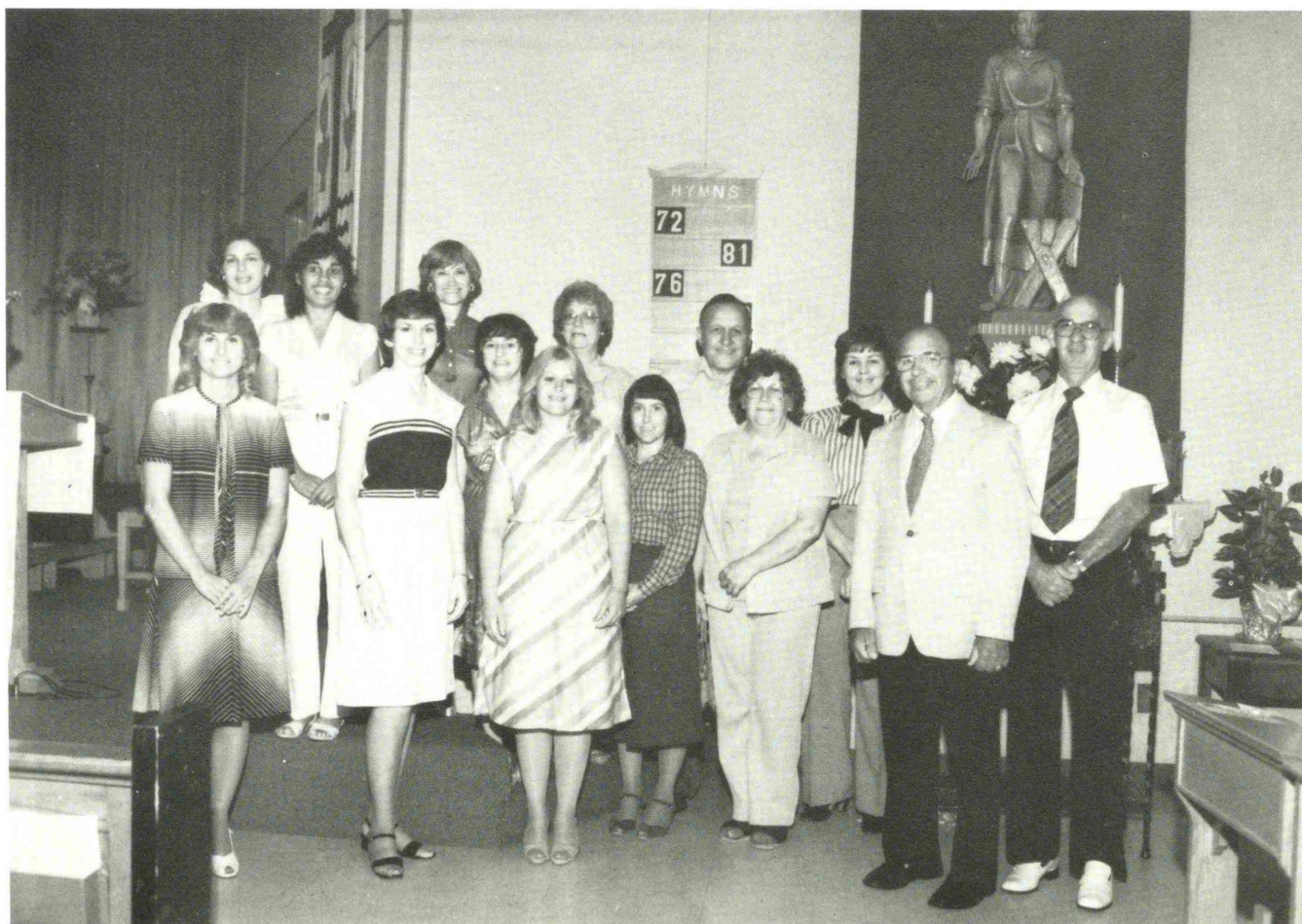
“A Wedding is a Day . . . A Marriage is for all the days of your Life”

A Marriage Preparation Program began at Nativity on October 17, 1983.

These sessions for couples planning marriage occur on the four Sundays of March and October.

Presenters: Deacon Alex and Jane Saims, John and Jean David, Michael and Mary Ann Livovich and Paul and Carol Wasilewski.

FOUNTAINVIEW APOSTOLATE



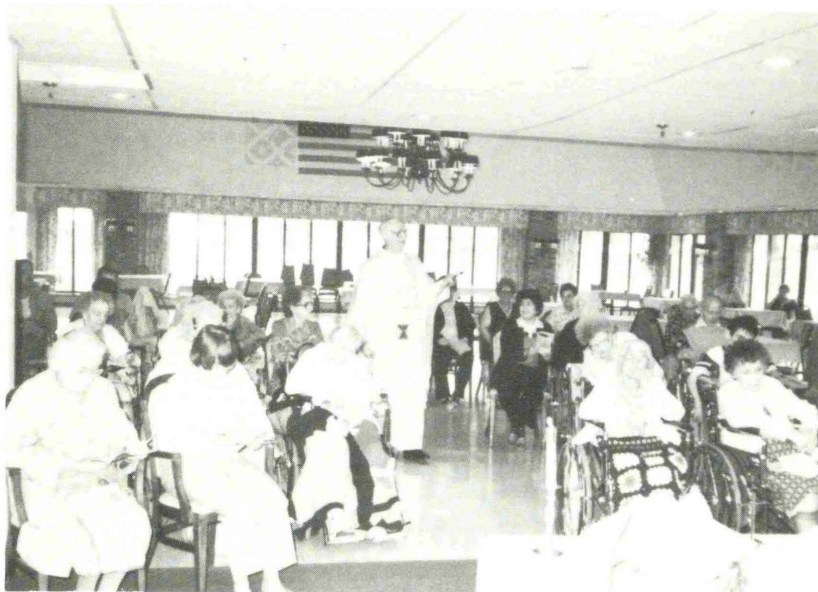
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Jay Ectherling
Lorraine Fejes
Ana Grandfield
Cynthia Graves
Beverly Harding
Socorro Haskell

Katherine Hatch
Theresa Henderson
Al Holok
Eleanore Holok
Mary Hrezo
Sanda Hufford
Terry Hufford
Loretta Johann
Frances Johnson
Marilyn Kegebein
Anita Kocsis
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Adelene Lemmons
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Eleanor Malayter

Frank Malayter
Irene Markos
Pat Mead
Roberta Miles
Lenore Monterrubio
Eligio Morales
Gloria Nedoff
Georgene Nichols
Rose O'Malley
Sandra Paulson
Helene Perrah
Robert Rodriguez
Hepa Sanchez
Luz Sanchez
Beatrice Shaw

Annabelle St. Germain
Julie Stowers
Hilda Sulich
Patricia Tutko
Theresa Wallin
Maureen Walzyn
Laura Wighaman
Diane Zielinski

FOUNTAIN VIEW



The residents of Fountainview look forward to Mass every Friday at 10:00 a.m. Many volunteers lovingly assist with various duties to make this happy service possible.





Bethany Day

Bethany Day was inaugurated on August 15, 1978 as a special day for the Senior Citizens, and is held on two Holy days a year.

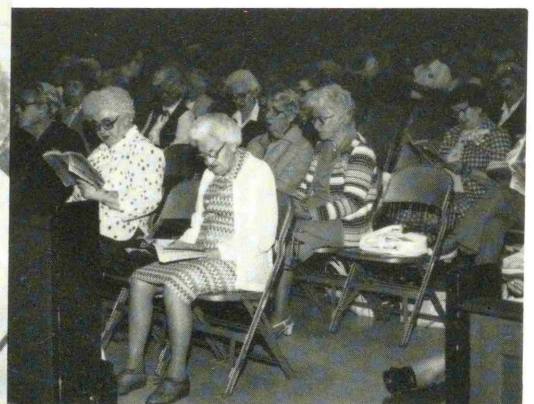
Opportunity for confession, followed by Mass, lunch and entertainment are offered with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at the closing of the day.

The Senior Citizens are encouraged to bring their friends. The residents of Fountainview Nursing Home also enjoy the day at Nativity.

Transportation is provided by parishioners. The "Seniors" look forward to these Semi-annual Holydays, where they can visit with their pastor and with one another.



**TYPICAL
BETHANY
DAY**





GOOD SAMARITANS (Pantry)

The need for a food pantry arose in 1983, due to the layoff of so many people. Over fifty families receive food every week. Some of the volunteers pictured are: Earl St. Germain, Helen Miller, John Miller, Carlos Cruz, Thomas Gerchak, Julius Horvath, Robert Bonta, Kevin Westerkamp, Ronald Bunk and Ismael Pagan.



ST. ANNE'S (Clothes)

The St. Ann Guild organized a Clothing Depot to provide a variety of clothing for the needy.

CHARTER MEMBERS OF ST. ANNES' GUILD

Mary Lach, Chairman
Elvira Dason, Co-chairman
Bernice Angel
Mary Balas
Ann Bianchi
Ann Boguslawski
Sue Boyle
Cecelia Bumbales
Betty Carr
Francis Chagoya
May Chirco
Eleanor Corbeille
Helen Eckert
Cecelia Fluck
Helen Frazier
Ann Gaddis
Freda Goulden
Clara Gumbiner
Charlotte Guzik
Ann Gard
Victoria Gajewski
Marie Kubick
Mary Lach
Carmen Mann

Irene Markos
Theresa Marcotte
Mary Meyne
Margarita Morales
Mary Minick
Leonor Monterrubio
Emily Mihaluk
Ruth Newbert
Clare O'Brien
Margaret Reiplinger
Clara Rine
Maxine Roskowski
Jean Shay
Ruby Simich
Helen Shubat
Gertrude Sosh
Emma Swab
Jean Thomas
Opal Volk
Helen Yakubowski
Caroline Zaparucha

Deceased Members

Marie Lenci 6-6-80
Bernice Sum 8-23-81
Cathryn Erickson 6-10-83



CATERING SERVICE

A new Catering Service is now available at Nativity Parish. Pictured are: Caroline Zaparucha, Evelyn Saklaczynski, Chairman, Judith Huber, Margaret Purcell, Ruth Crotty, Steve Zaparucha, Patricia Wardell, Kathleen Heckman, Agnes Dixon, Helena McClelland, Donald Purcell and Ann Leibold.



CORN GAME WORKERS

The Home and School Association conducts a Corn Game every Monday evening. Pictured are: Charlotte Pedone, Victor Pedone, Patricia Urchick, Virginia Barbarossa, Sandra Tapper, Henry Abbadini, Luz Gallardo, Shirley Rochefort, Adrian Marentes, Mary Emery, Timothy Hendershott, Charlotte Beaudry, David O'Malley, Renee Reisetter, Anthony Yudt, Claudette Lach and Donna Yudt.



PIONEERS OF THE FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRIES

Lenore Sobkowski
Evelyn Saklaczynski

Frances Shultz
Rosemary Leon



KITCHEN AND HALL RENOVATION COMMITTEE

Alex Saims
Marlene Artz
Stephen Grandfield

Sophie Kaminski
Carlos Cruz
Evelyn Saklaczynski

Irene Markos
Margaret Purcell
Florian Gregorczyk

PARISH ORGANIZATION



PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Sammie Maletta
 1st Vice Chairman Carlos Cruz
 2nd Vice Chairman Sally Kopko
 Secretary Irene Markos
 Also pictured: Stella Marentes Home and School
 Association Representative
 Florian Gregorczyk Publicity Co-chairman.
 Kevin Westerkamp Holy Name Representative

ALTAR & ROSARY SODALITY

President Marilyn Baron
 Vice-President Evelyn Saklaczynski
 Secretary Edwina Juszczak
 Treasurer Pamela Roybal
 Not pictured Mary Lach,
 St. Ann's Guild Chairman



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

President Kevin Westerkamp
 1st Vice President Ismael Pagan
 2nd Vice President Ronald Bunk
 Secretary Thomas Benus
 Treasurer Sabatino Paglicci
 Not pictured George Turzai,
 Ushers Co-ordinator

OFFICERS 1983 - 1984

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

President Stella Marentes
 Vice President Victor Pedone
 Secretary Beatrice Shaw
 Treasurer Stephen Grandfield
 Past President Anthony Yudt



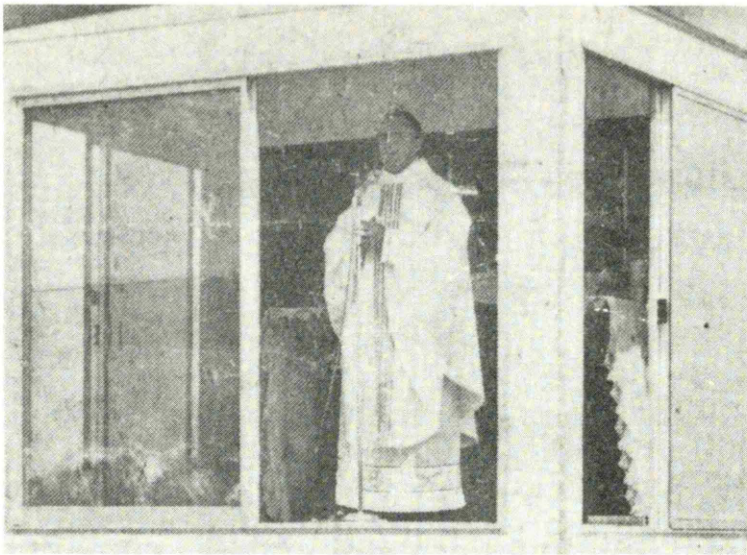
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SODALITY

President Carmen Mann
 Vice President Celia Kenney
 Secretary Alice Martinez
 Treasurer Juanita Cambeses

YOUTH GROUP

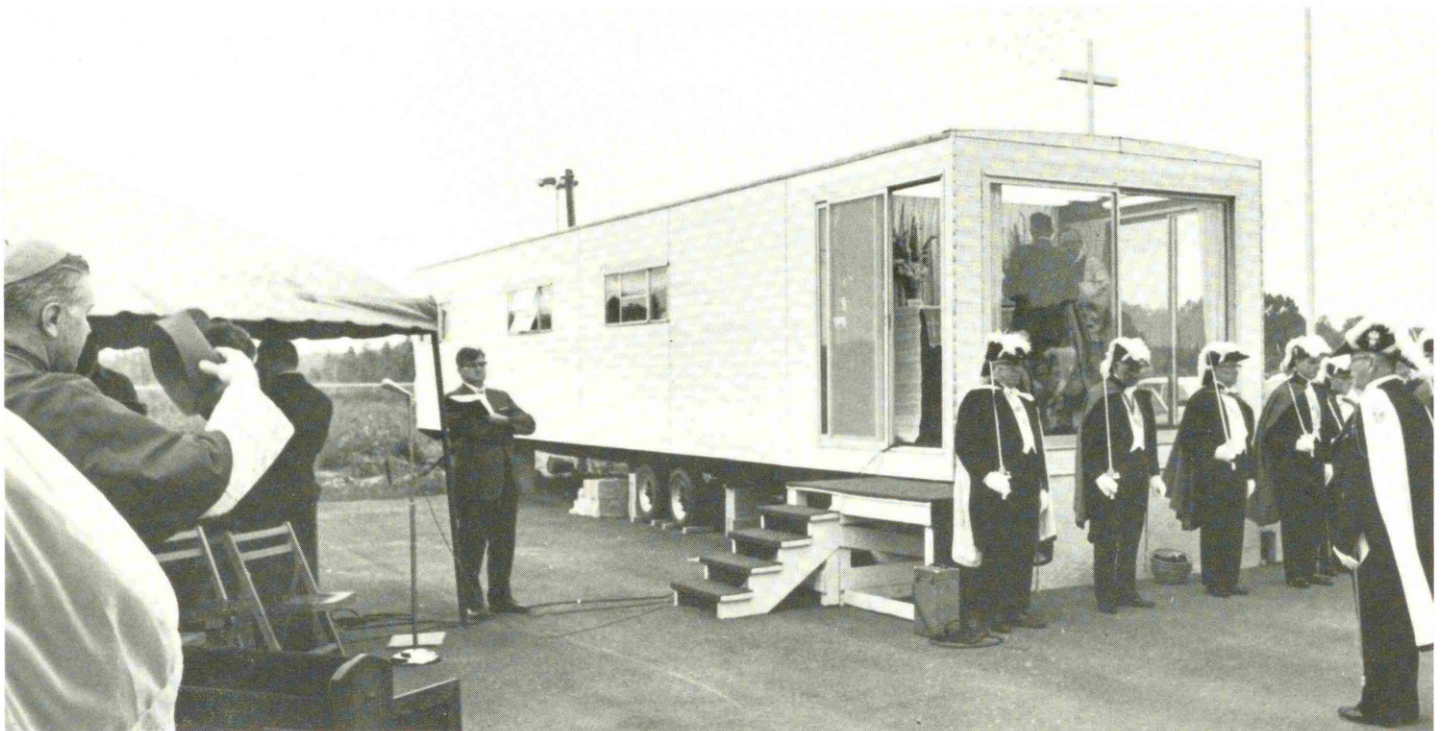
President Timothy Pliske
 Vice President . Juliann Kimbrough
 Secretary Donald Wozniak
 Treasurer Kim Lach
 Youth Advisor . . . Sharon Sanchez





PARISH HISTORY

As the city of Portage began to grow in the 60's and the number of Catholics increased, a committee approached Bishop Grutka with the idea of a new parish. The Bishop concurred that one was needed and in 1964 a 10' by 50' trailer, "The Chapel on the Mall", was placed at the north end of Portage Shopping Mall and the first Mass was offered by Monsignor John Charlebois on May 3, 1964.



The Diocese of Gary originally purchased 23 acres in Portage and sold 10 acres to Nativity Parish. The original Building Committee was: Leonard M. Ciesielski, Victor J. Hager, James Fitzgerald, Alex Saims, William Shery, Murray Smith, William Wood and John Van Wormer. On July 1, 1964, Nativity Of Our Savior Parish was officially established with Father Joseph E. Till as first pastor.

The first Baptisms were of Karen Jean Kornell and Kellen Patrick Kornell on May 17, 1964. The first Wedding was Celia Betancourt and John Kenney on October 31, 1964. Sammie Maletta was the first Holy Name President and Antoinette Cindric was the first Altar & Rosary Sodality President.





THE "DRIVE-IN" CHURCH

The Parish "heard Mass" while seated in their cars in the parking lot of Portage Mall.

Father took Communion to the cars for the elderly or disabled.

The ushers braved all kind of weather to pass their collection baskets.



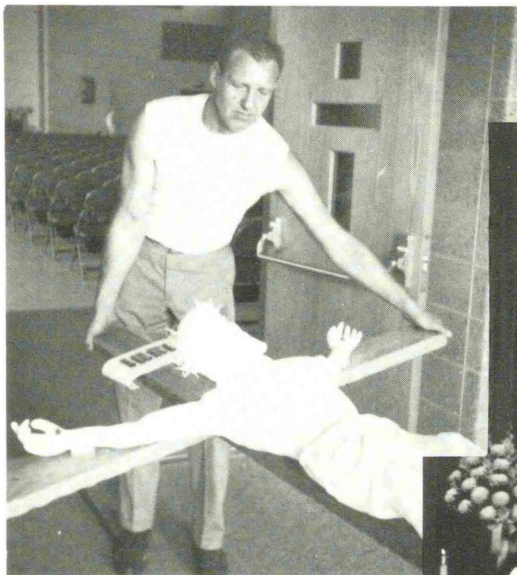
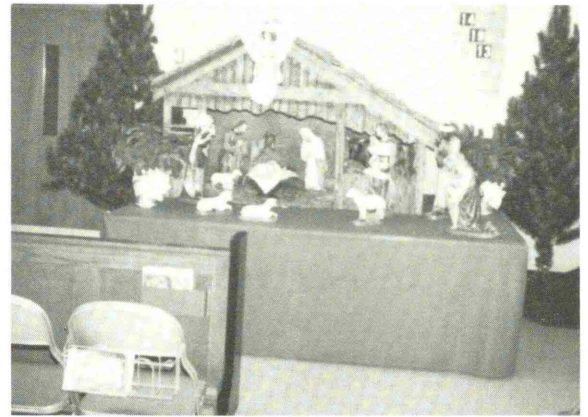
USHERS — 1964
Do You Recognize These Men?



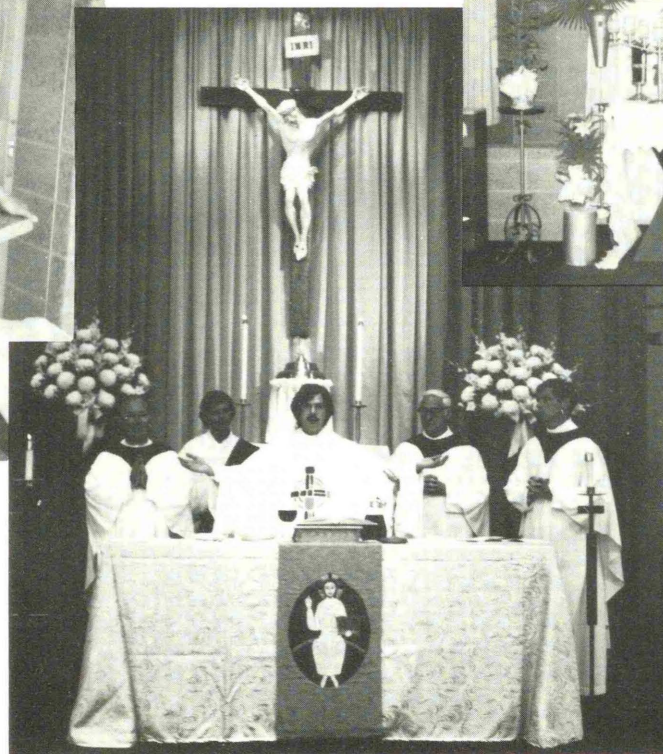
Fr. Charles Rueve, C.P.P.S.
Assisted Fr. Till



First Christmas
in new building,
1966



Crucifix by
John Scott, 1967



Altar from
"Chapel on the Mall"
by Victor Hager

Fr. Sammie Maletta's
First Mass



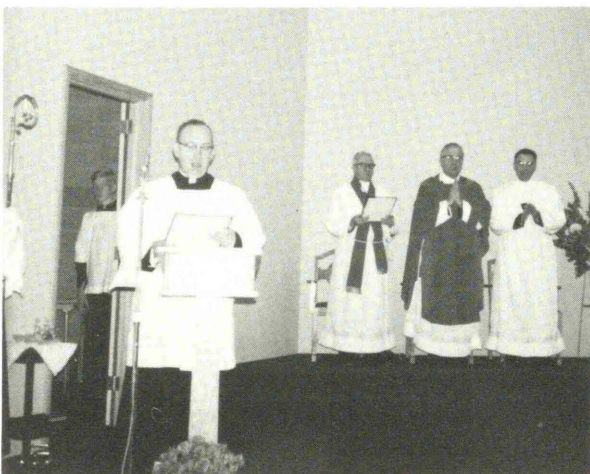
Father Till invited the Felician Sisters to Nativity Parish to begin a religious education program in September, 1965.

A dedication dinner followed at St. Francis Hall at 1:00 p.m.



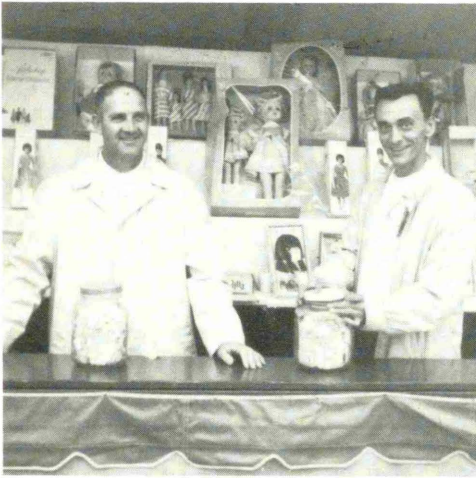
Ground breaking for a permanent church building was October 31, 1965, Feast of Christ the King.

The church hall was dedicated by the Bishop on Saturday, March 12, 1966.





First Communion
Class
October 4, 1964



Our first festival was July 28 to August 1, 1965 at Willowcreek and Central. This festival tradition has become a major fund raiser for the parish.



Father William Spranger was pastor from June 6, 1969 to June 1971.

The Felician Sisters were recalled to their Mother House in May of 1971, and the religious education program was taken over by volunteer lay teachers from our parish under the direction of Margaret Gregory.

July 30, 1971, brought the arrival of our third pastor, Father Carl F. Mengeling.

This is Nativity's first CYO high school boy's basketball team coached by Bob Sanchez and Bob Bonta. They won the league championship in 1973/74.



First Row: Kevin Corey - Kevin Lubold - Don Crandall - Nat Cindric

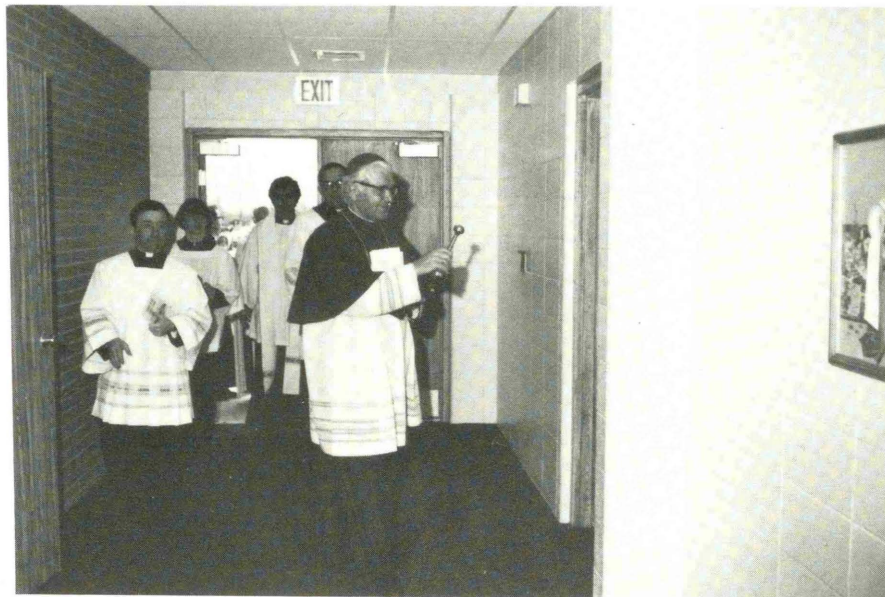
Back Row: Ed Wallo - Coach, Bob Sanchez - Dan Reynolds - Ken Whittenberg - Coach, Bob Bonta

A number of “firsts” were accomplished in the next few years.

In 1972, Reverend Mr. Joseph Pawlowski, served in our parish as deacon for six months.

Father Edward Smrt served as our first assistant priest as of April 27, 1973. Other events that began in 1973 were a Sunday pre-school religion program, a new library and our “everfamous” fish fry. The Altar & Rosary held its first Christmas Bazaar and thanks to our Holy Name, a new ceiling and air conditioning were installed in the church.

Our rapidly growing parish required space for expanded religious education and social programs. This became a reality with the dedication of the Catechetic and Activities Center on May 6, 1973. The dedication day concluded with a buffet dinner at which 1500 people celebrated.



On January of 1974, Father Jan Ondic was appointed assistant. There was a first Communal Anointing and a Parish Mission.

In this year of the parish's 10th anniversary, a rectory for the priests was constructed.

Father Ondic was transferred and Father Thomas Tibbs was appointed as assistant.

In the summer of 1975 the Hoang Tran Family arrived from Vietnam. Mrs. Hoang and her five children were adopted by Nativity Parish.



A parish Catholic school became a reality. Using existing facilities, Nativity School opened with 95 students on September 3, 1975. The classrooms in the Catechetical Center were used to accommodate grades K-4, and another grade would be added each year. Miss Margaret Gregory served as the first principal.



Attending the dedication ceremonies for the new Nativity Catholic School on Friday were, back row, l to r: Mrs. Connie Pupillo and Miss Kathleen Keltika, teachers, Superintendent of schools, Reverend Raymond Fowerbaugh, Assistant Pastor of Nativity,

Father Thomas Tibbs, Pastor Father Carl Mengeling, Bishop Andrew Grutka, Principal Margaret Gregory, Mrs. Louise Karwowski, teacher and Chancellor, Reverend John Morales and the children who are enrolled first term of the new school. (photo by Chuck Heimberg)

In the fall of 1975, Father Tibbs was transferred and Father Mark Pavlina was assigned to our parish.

December 12, 1975, was the first Guadalupe celebration with Mass in Spanish.

Our country's bi-centennial celebrations brought first place honor to floats built by the re-organized C.Y.O. on July 4, 1976.

A school addition was built and dedicated by Bishop Andrew G. Grutka on February 13, 1977.

In July of 1977, Father Mark Pavlina was reassigned and Father Lawrence Kew was appointed as associate. On February 1, 1978, Father Kew was appointed to his first pastorate and Father Stanley Staniszewski became the new assistant.

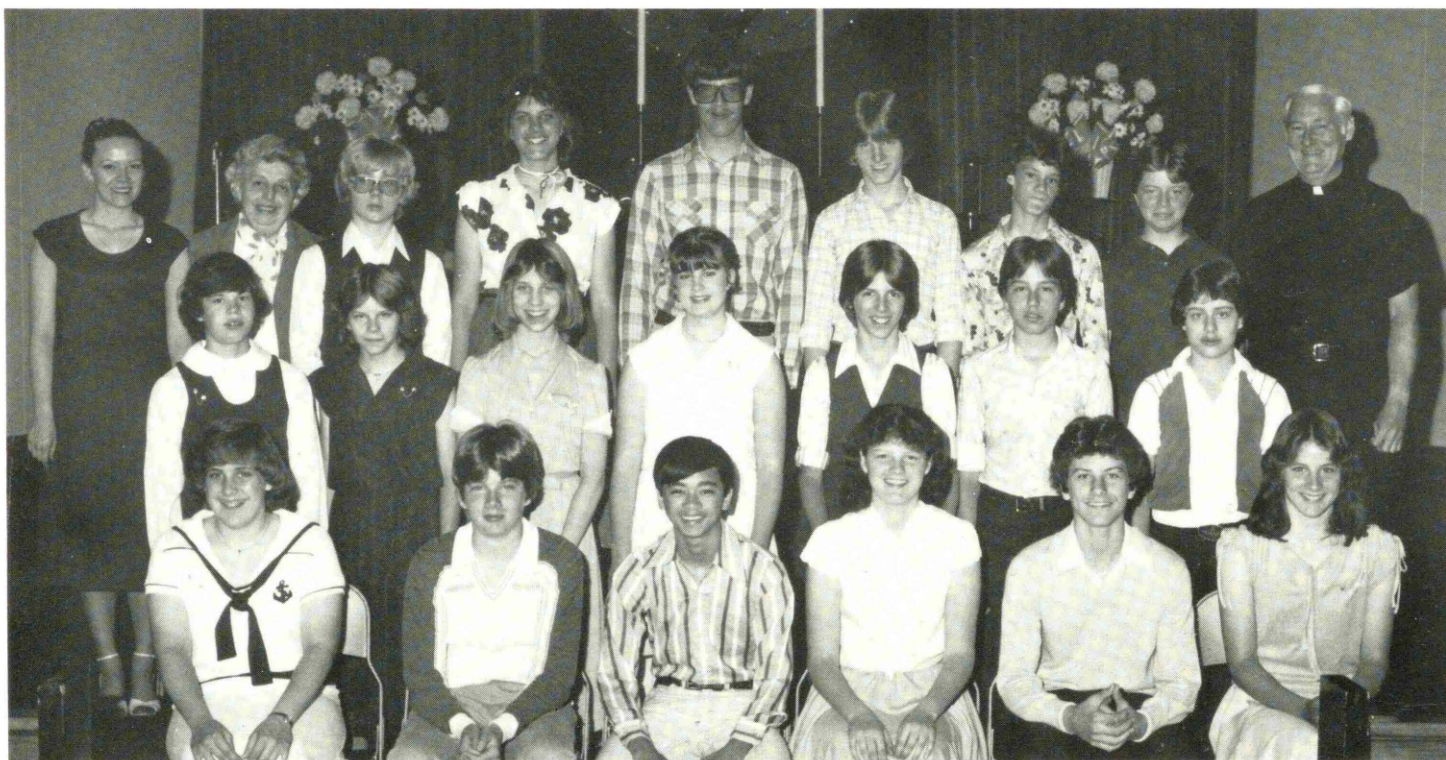
The first Bethany Day for senior citizens was August 15, 1978 and another on December 8th. Our senior citizens look forward eagerly to these Bethany Day Celebrations.

July 1, 1979, marked our 15th Anniversary. An outdoor Mass was celebrated, followed by a picnic and a square dance. A Parish Directory was published for this event.

Father Staniszewski was reassigned and on August 31, 1979, Father Stephen J. Titko became the assistant pastor.

Additional new classrooms and storerooms were added to the school by the Home and School Association.

The first kindergarten class will graduate from 8th grade in 1984.



The First 8th Grade Class



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

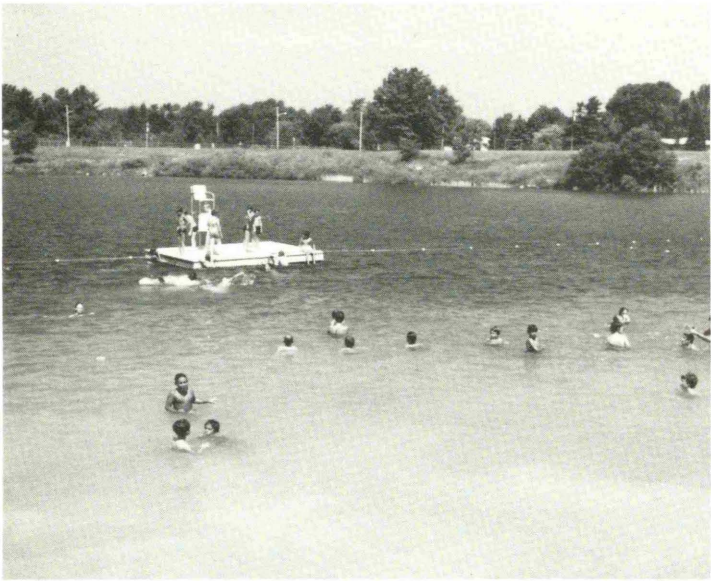
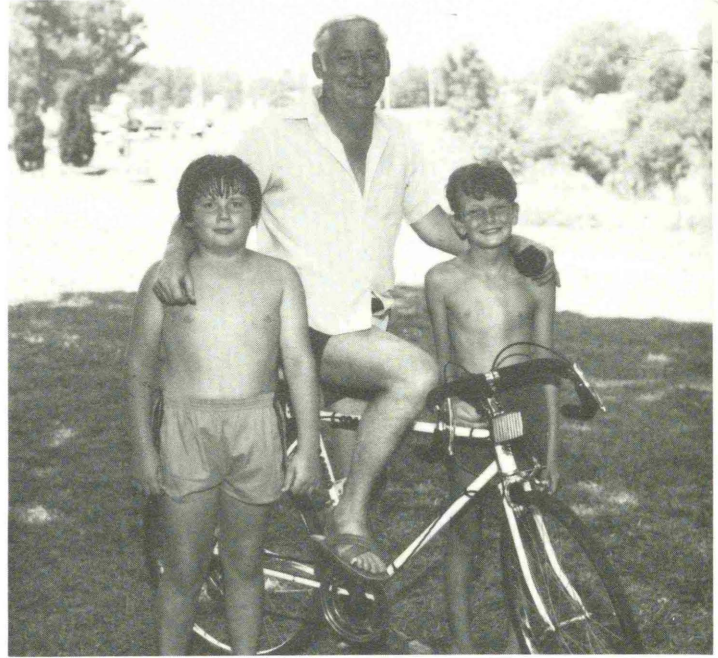
Members of Nativity Parish of Mexican ancestry, initially under the leadership of the late Mr. Herlindo Betancourt, Sr., formed the Our Lady of Guadalupe Club in 1975. Their primary aim is to foster and express loving devotion to the Empress of the Americas... Mary the Mother of the Lord.

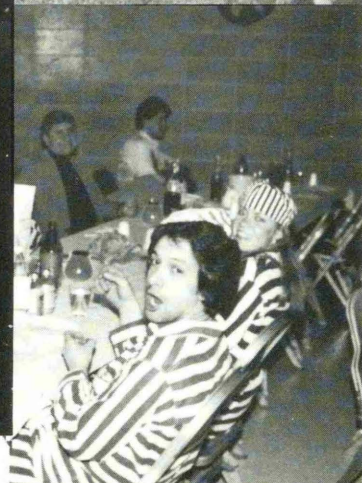
The highlight of each year is the Feast of Guadalupe on December 12th. After much preparation, the celebration in church begins with a festive procession of all participants followed by men carrying the large picture of Our Lady. The procession and the Mass are in Spanish and accompanied by Mexican music, led by guitars.

A joyous fiesta featuring a wide variety of Mexican specialties climaxes the celebration.

In 1981, the Club became the Our Lady of Guadalupe Sodality. Pictured above are the first officers of the Sodality, Elda Arizpe, Guadalupe Castellanos, Alice Martinez, Susan Villarruel and Celia Kenney. They are standing in front of the painting of Our Lady of Guadalupe which Mr. Betancourt brought to Nativity Parish from Mexico.

ALTAR BOY PICNIC - 1983







Holiday
Bazaar

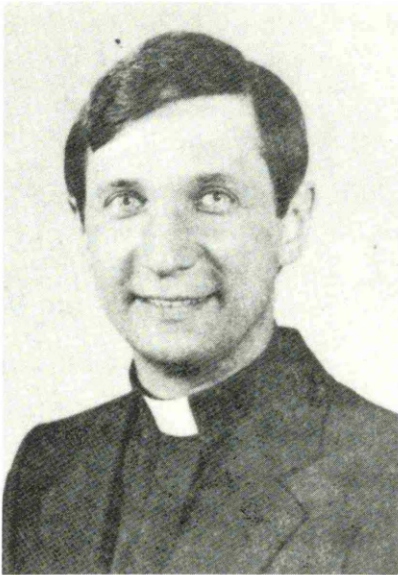


**Altar and Rosary
Sodality is
always involved.**



Going to the
theater



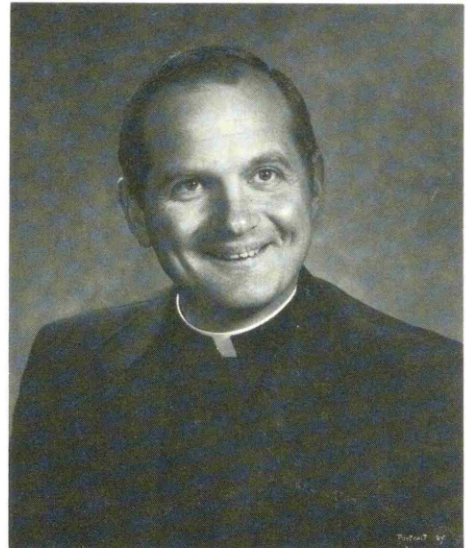


REV. STEPHEN KOSINSKI

Rev. Stephen Kosinski was assigned to Nativity as a Deacon for the Summer of 1980 and returned in January of 1981 for six months. He was ordained to the Priesthood on July 11, 1981 and celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving at Nativity on September 13, 1981.

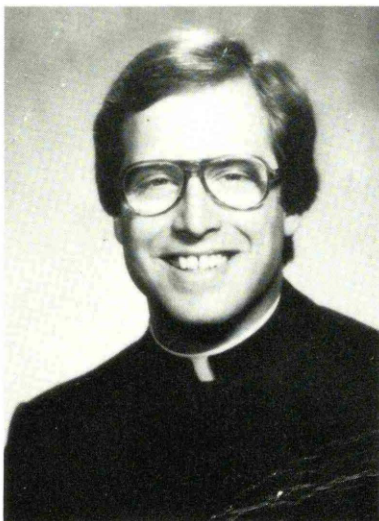
REV. WALTER CIESLA

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REV. STEPHEN GIBSON

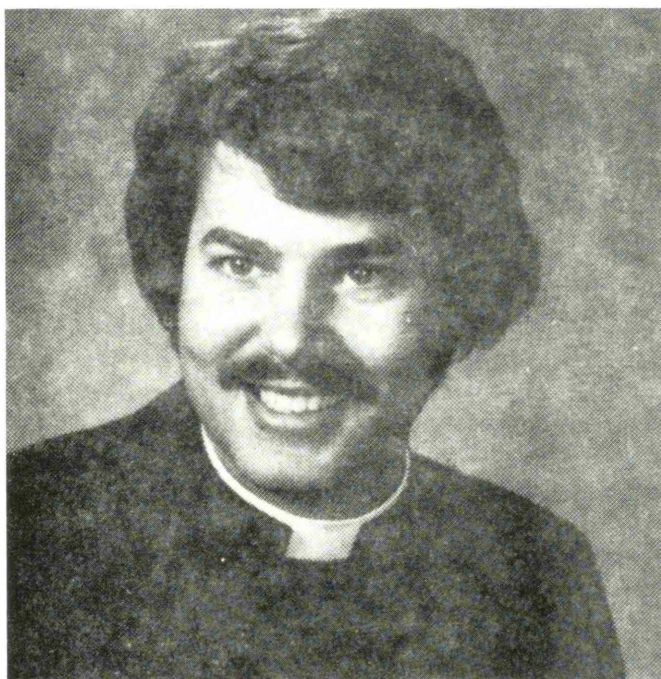
Rev. Stephen Gibson was in residence at Nativity during August and September of 1981 before his return to Rome for completion of his studies.



REV. TERRY STEFFENS

Rev. Terry Steffens was assigned to Nativity as a Deacon in December of 1981 thru May of 1982. He was ordained to the Priesthood on August 21, 1982. His Mass of Thanksgiving was offered at Nativity on November 7, 1982.

Nativity Parish rejoices with Father Maletta and his parents, Sammie and Theresa Maletta and his family.



FATHER SAMMIE MALETTA

ORDAINED.....AUGUST 15, 1980

FIRST SOLEMN MASS
at Nativity
August 17...11:30 A.M.

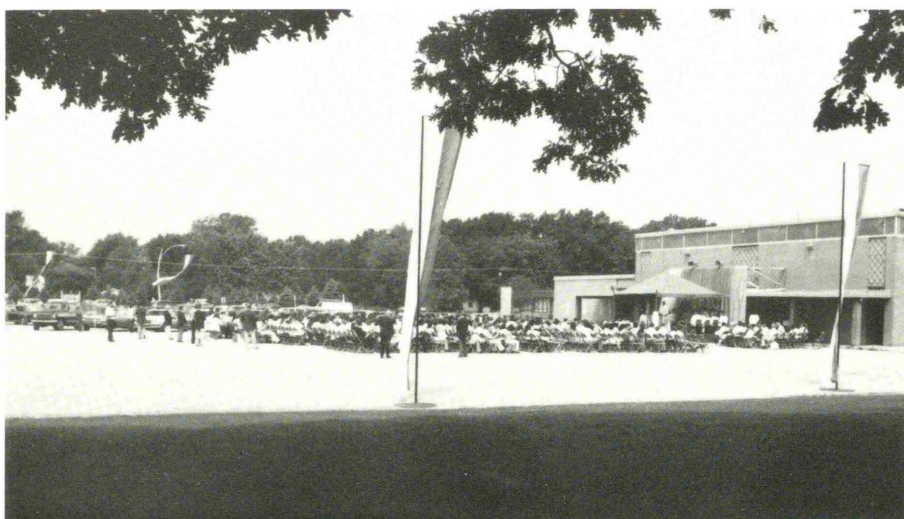
PUBLIC RECEPTION
at Nativity
under the trees
after the
First Mass until 3:00 p.m.



Ordination at the Cathedral



Father Mengeling, Father Till
with Father Maletta during his
First Mass.



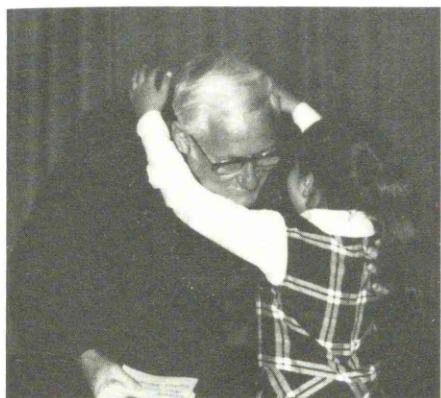
The First Corpus Christi
Mass was celebrated by
Bishop Grutka on
June 21, 1981.



HAPPINESS ABOUNDS ON BETHANY DAY



Fr. Mengeling's 25th Anniversary as a priest was celebrated May 22, 1982.



Congratulations, Father!



25 years of Memories



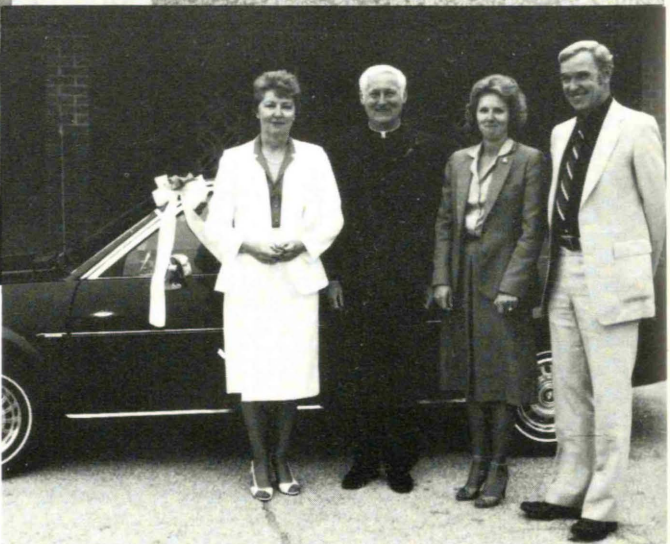
Anniversary Mass
May 23, 1982

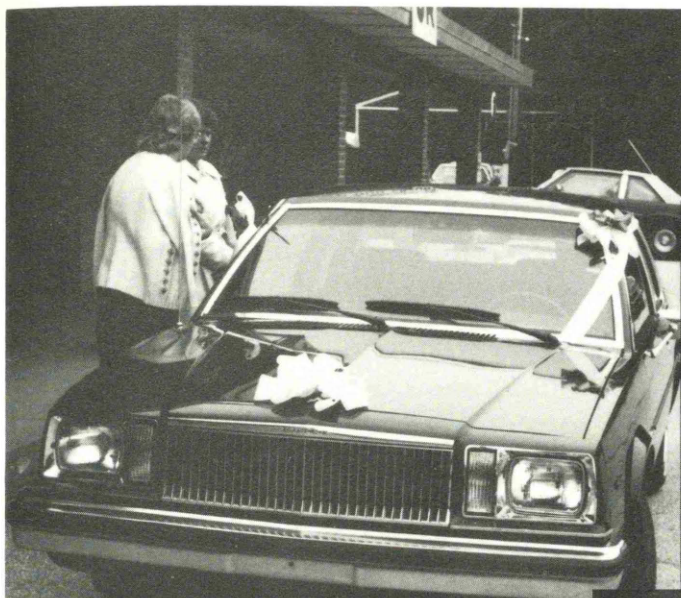


Mrs. Artz, Secretary



Banquet - Fr. Bertino, Fr. Titko,
Fr. Mengeling, Fr. Boyle, Fr. Goodrum
and Fr. Till





A new car! Presented to
Fr. Mengeling
by the parish.



Father's anniversary cake was
created by Elda Arizpe.



Cutting the cake!



Fr. Mengeling and
William Wood

NATIVITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 1979

In Attendance: Marlene Artz
Carlos Cruz
Richard Turnak

Irene Markos
Marilyn Brack
Jim Kobiak

Harold Riddle
Sophie Kaminski
Fr. Mengeling

The meeting convened with eight people present to hear Father Mengeling's report on the financial progress of the Parish. Financial Statements show that \$182,779.29 was received in the ordinary Sunday collections for 1978, an approximate increase of roughly \$25,000 over 1977. \$110,347.50 was received in the Building Fund. Of the total receipts of \$370,369.38, \$215,154.96 was paid out in various parish expenses, leaving a balance of \$155,214.42. From this accumulation the parish debt was liquidated and \$115,000 was deposited in the Diocesan Savings. Father's conclusion was that this increase in income and the resulting savings account was mostly due to the Stewardship Program launched last February, in which approximately 250 families pledged their tithing support . . . approximately the same families who had been regular supporters and who now **increased** their money support. Father also stressed that there had been no follow-up to contact those parishioners who have been and still are dragging their feet.

It was decided that, with a committee nucleus of maybe 30 really dedicated and energetic people, a series of meetings . . . informational as well as socially oriented . . . be launched immediately after the Mission in March. These meetings would be composed of people of the same neighborhoods (new as well as old parishioners, envelope users as well as those lax in their church support duties), but limited to approximately 20 couples in order to maintain an intimate and friendly atmosphere and allow "person-to-person" contact by the committee members in attendance. If three meetings per week were held, the entire parish could be contacted in about 6 to 8 weeks. The committee could be divided into groups so that only one meeting per week would be mandatory for each member.

Parishioners would be selected by neighborhoods, or geographical location, informed of the current meetings (with lists of names) in the bulletin, personally invited by letter, and reminded of the meeting by phone a day or two in advance.

Each Committee Group would be responsible for presenting the facts of the Stewardship Program and Parish Progress to their particular meeting-of-the-week. Father Mengeling stated he would be present at each meeting also (but not in the capacity of conductor).

It was noted that these meetings would be advantageous in introducing the parishioners to each other and in welcoming the new people to the parish. (And it could help to establish Nativity as the center of life in the minds of the parishioners . . . especially needed in the case of the "luke-warm" Catholics.)

In order to form the size of committees needed, each member present this evening was asked to contact two people during the coming week, whom they considered a good choice for this "nucleus", to attend the next meeting on January 29, 1979 at 7:00 p.m.

Father Mengeling suggested that meeting should organize and prepare the presentation to be used at the "neighborhood meetings". Presentation teams could be formed and instructed in order to have a smooth-running and successful meeting with the parishioners. To accomplish this, weekly meetings should be held tentatively each Monday at 7:00 p.m. Officers should also be elected this coming Monday.

At 9:00 p.m. the eight members present and Father adjourned in general agreement that something must be done to further develop Nativity Parish and the proposed action seems to be the most feasible.

PARISH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



A committee was formed on January 22, 1979, to promote the spiritual and physical growth of Nativity Parish. From the first meeting of 9 interested people grew a large organization in which more than 80 people eventually participated.

Fr. Carl F. Mengeling Pastor
 Sammie Maletta..... Chairman
 Carlos Cruz Vice Chairman
 Sally Kopko..... 2nd Vice Chairman
 Irene Markos..... Secretary
 Marlene Artz Census
 Richard Turnak..... Building Design/
 Architect Selection
 Harold Riddle Co - Building Design
 Alex Saims..... Education/Publicity
 Florian Gregorczyk Co - Publicity
 Joseph Voye..... Construction
 Stephen Grandfield... Sunday Fellowship
 Katherine Auksel Care & Share
 Kathleen Kobialka..... Care & Share
 Marilyn Brack..... 1979
 2nd Vice Chairman

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 Marilyn Baron
 Sharon Berquist
 Herlindo Betancourt, Jr.
 Robert Bonta
 Mary Bonta
 Barbara Bormes
 Donald Bormes
 Robert Brack
 Donald Bradbury
 Marilyn Bradbury
 Victor Castellanos
 Edwin Clower
 Wayne Corey
 Thomas Crnarich
 Felicia DeMass
 Emil Dumenric
 Bernard Esboldt
 Patricia Fazekas
 James Feeney
 Daniel Finucane
 Judith Frain
 Mary Gagna

John Gajewski
 Leo Garriott
 Ana Grandfield
 Nancy Gregorczyk
 Penny Gum
 Philip Hargarten
 Barbara Hendershott
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 Albert Lenci
 Terrance Levenda
 Lawrence Levenda
 Grace Longazo
 Lawrence Lynn

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 David Markos
 Richard McClelland
 Roberta Nemergut
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 Earl St. Germain
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BUILDING, DESIGN, AND ARCHITECT COMMITTEES



ARCHITECT SELECTION

Richard Turnak, Chm.
Carlos Cruz
Sophie Kaminski
Sally Kopko
Sammie Maletta
Irene Markos
Harold Riddle
Joseph Voye

DESIGN

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Felix Kimbrough
Sammie Maletta
Irene Markos
Harold Riddle
Joseph Voye

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James Kobialka
Gerald Lach
Lawrence Lynn
George Markos
Richard McClelland
Harold Riddle
Lloyd Samplawski
Richard Turnak



PUBLIC RELATIONS

Alex Saims, Chm.
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INTERIOR DESIGN/COLOR

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FINANCE

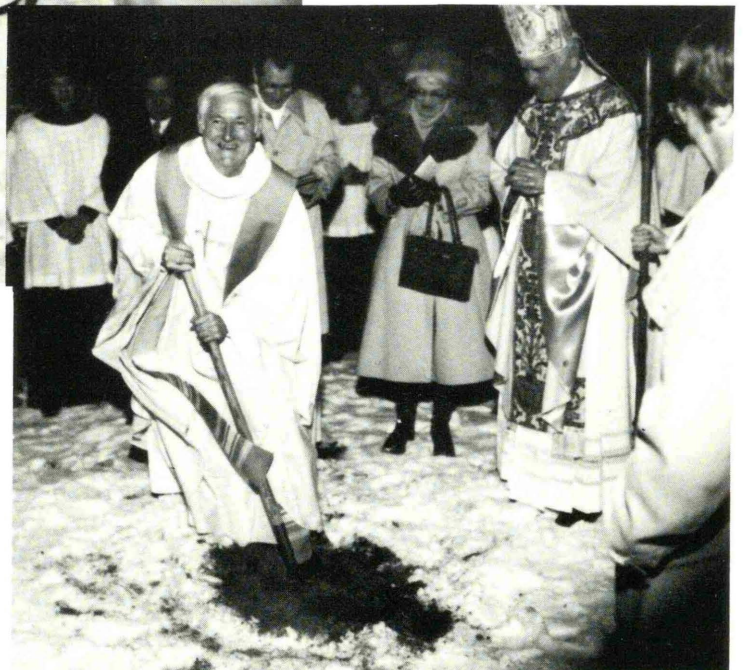
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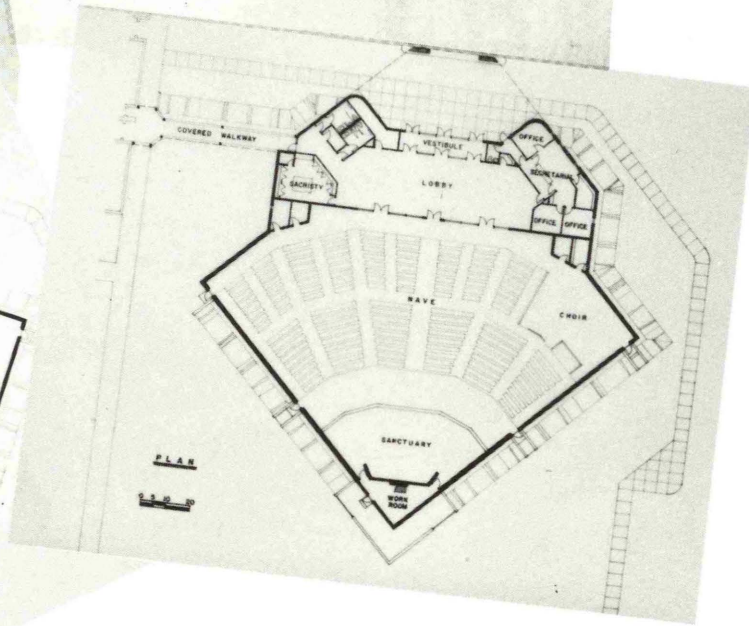
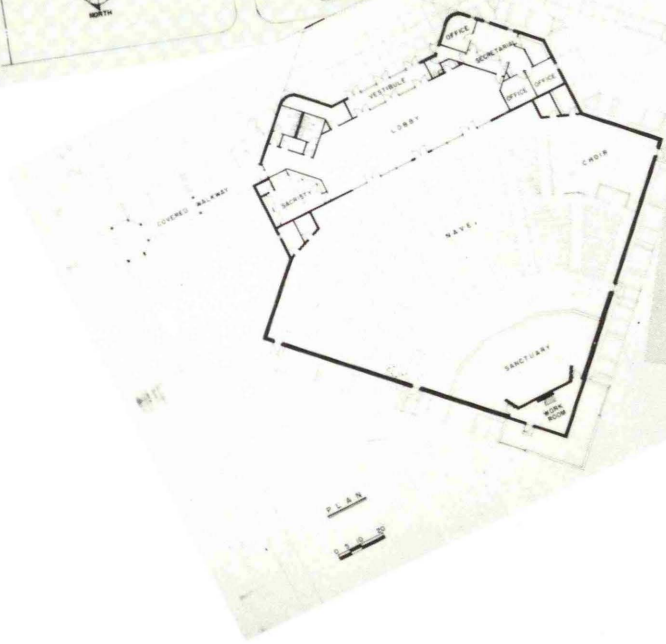
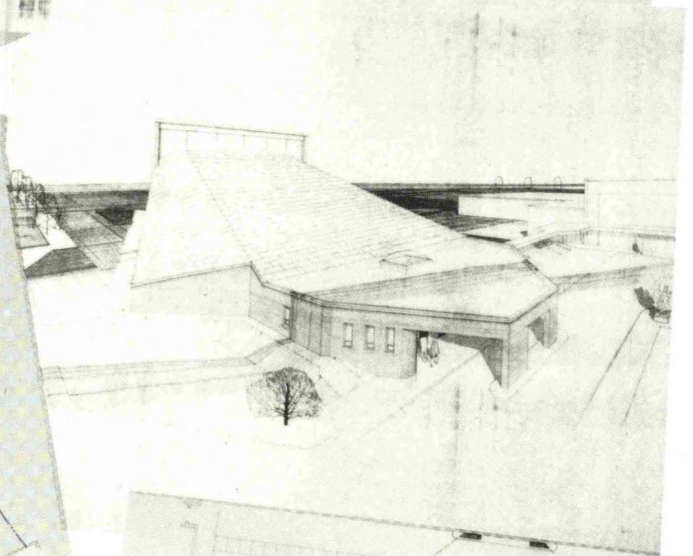
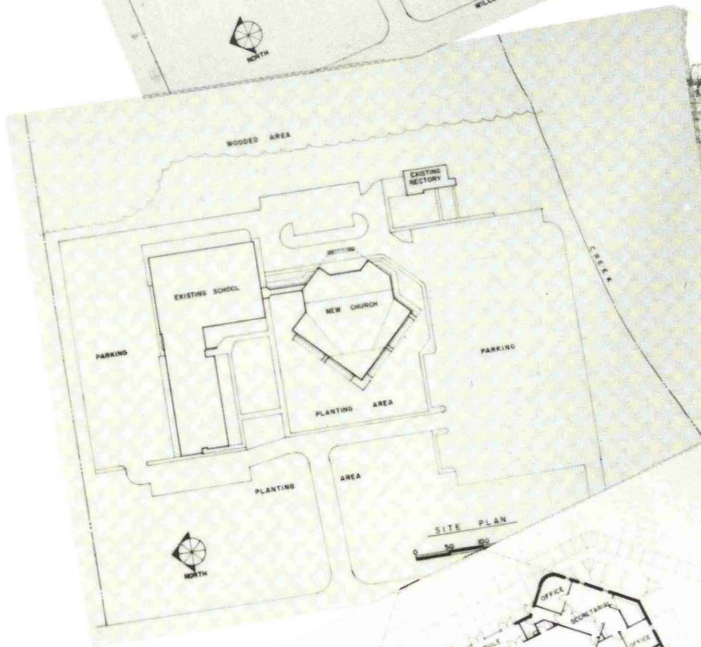
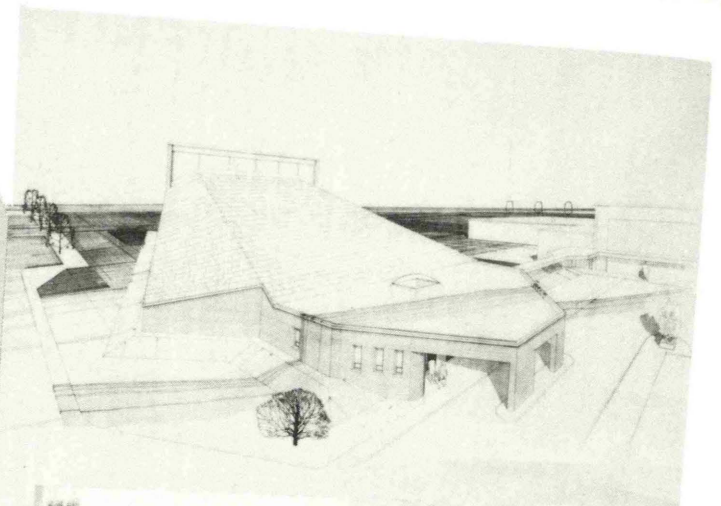
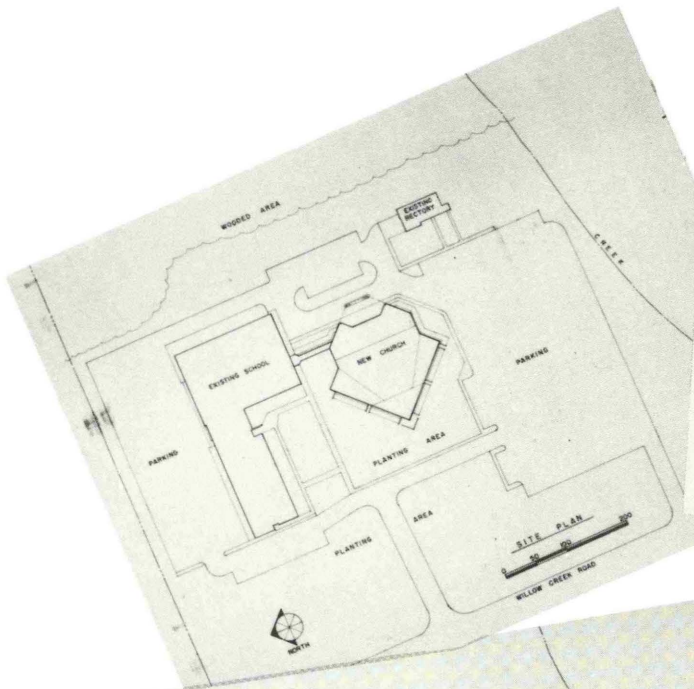
Ground Breaking for
the new church,
Midnight Mass,
December 25, 1981.



Bishop Grutka turns the
first shovelful of dirt.



A long awaited event!





G.M. FEDORCHAK & ASSOCIATES, INC.
ARCHITECTS, PLANNERS, ENGINEERS

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May 23, 1983

MEMO TO FILE

Re: NATIVITY OF OUR SAVIOR CHURCH - BUILDING DESCRIPTION

1. Floor area 18,600 s.f. (net) - 19,500 s.f. (gross).
2. Roof area 22,500 $\pm$ s.f.
3. Seat capacity - 1000 persons.
4. 50' high to top of clerestory.
5. Steel frame construction.
6. Masonry in-fill exterior walls.
7. 60,000 utility masonry brick with special shapes.
8. 85' wide clerestory window.
9. High energy efficiency building including:
 - . Wall U = .10
 - . Roof U = .05
 - . Modular Boilers with electronic ignition and flue dampers.
 - . Zoned furnaces with electronic ignition and flue dampers.
 - . Thermopane windows and doors.
 - . Micro-processor controls.
 - . Earth bermed perimeter.
10. Fully carpeted.
11. Red oak doors.
12. Red oak pews.
13. State of the art P.A. system.
14. 1000⁺₋ cubic yard concrete.
15. Canopy entrance.
16. Fire resistant structure.
17. 80 tons of steel.

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Room for Expansion

With ten acres of land there is plenty of space for a large church. The Church-hall and school are situated on the east end of the property.



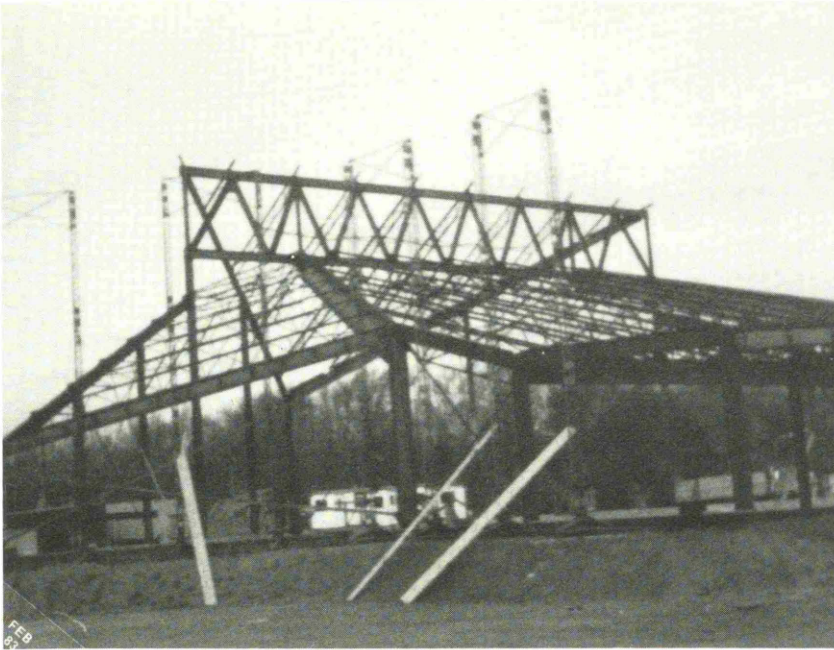
Fund Drive

The Nativity parishioners topped their goal of **One Million Dollars** and have their new church more than 80% paid for.

Here We Go !!!

The first steel trusses are silhouetted against the sky.

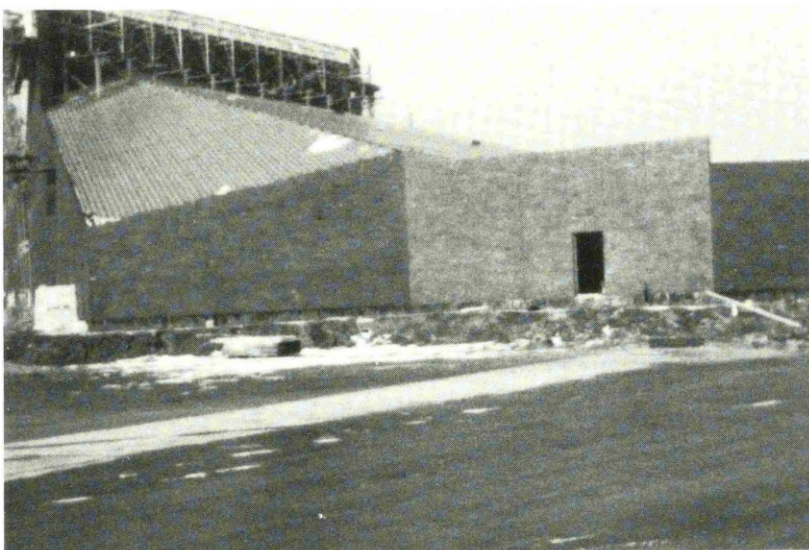
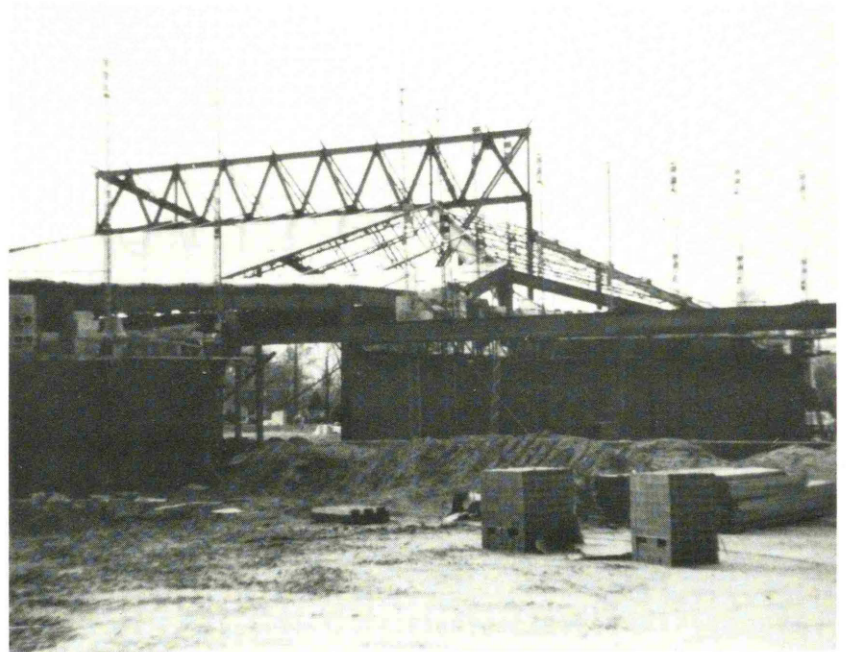




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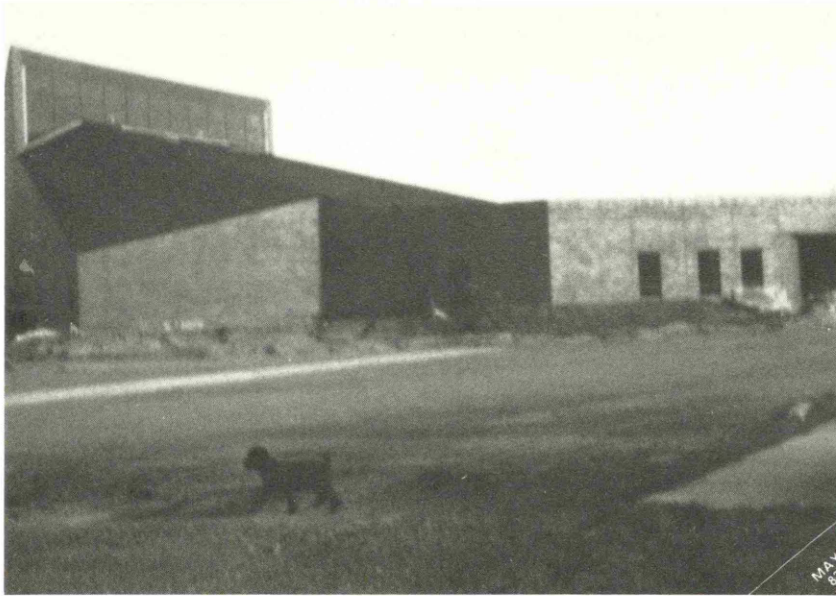
Huge steel beams and girders dwarf their surroundings.

Brick and Steel
are formed into a triple wall to make an energy efficient edifice.



Taking Shape

An interesting combination of corners and angles make this the most unique building in the area.

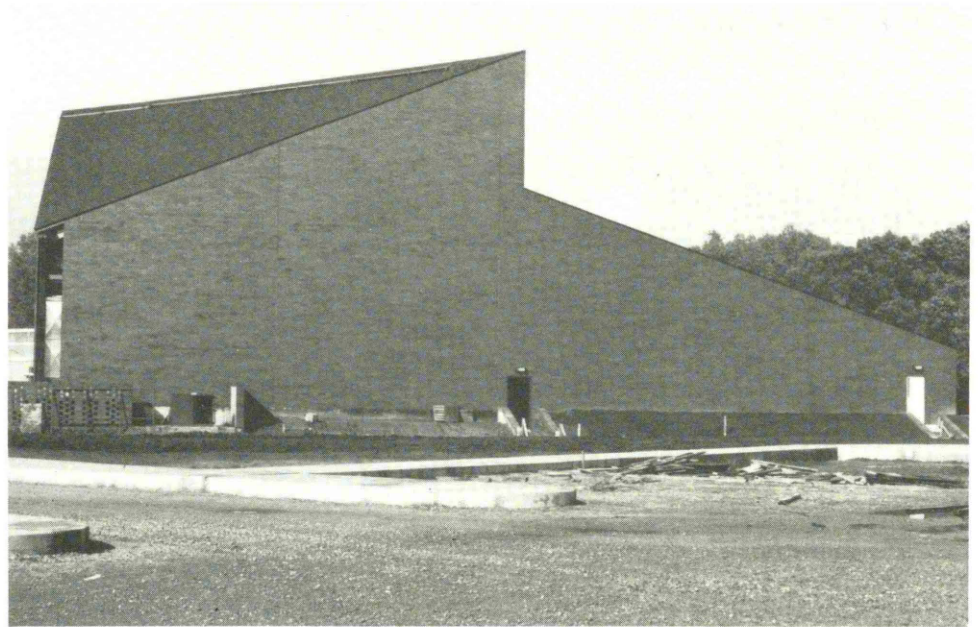


Skylight

Facing east, these windows at the top of the building provide a sunny-bright atmosphere for morning Masses.

View from the Southwest

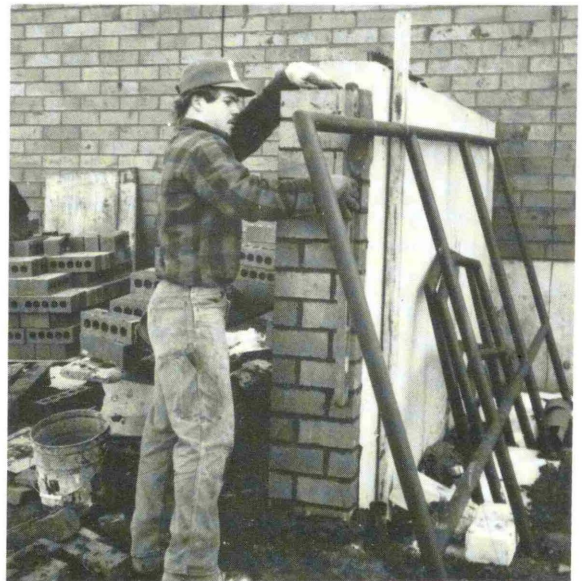
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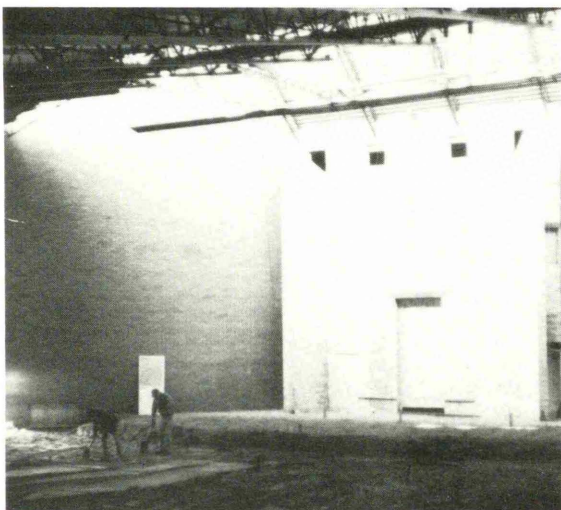
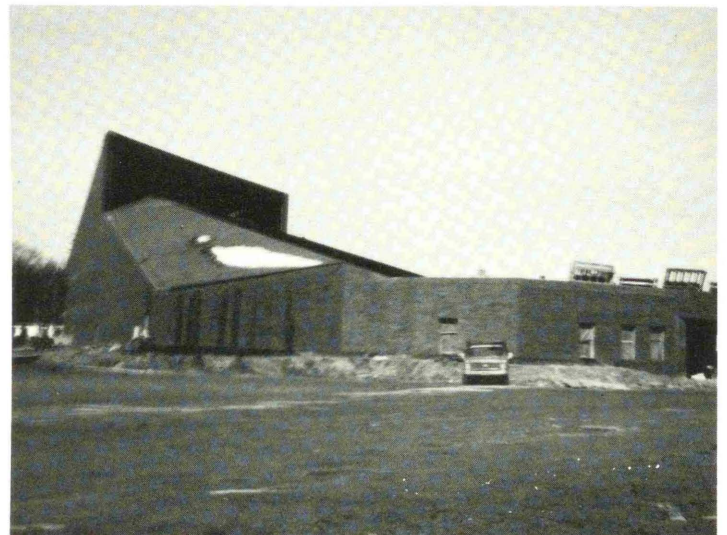
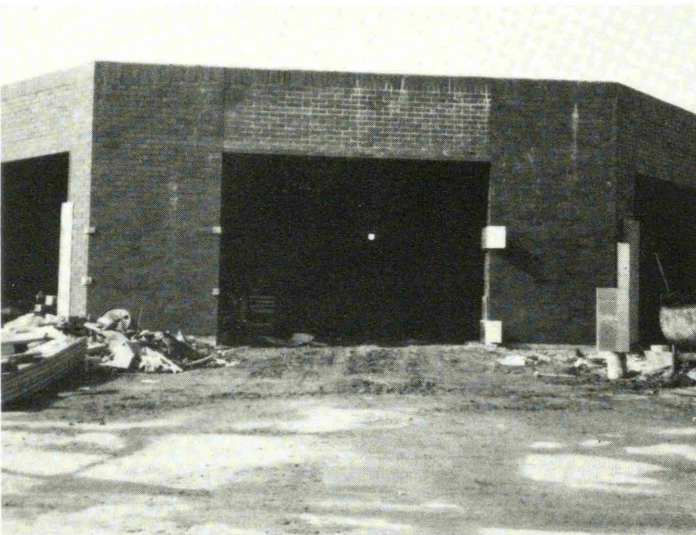
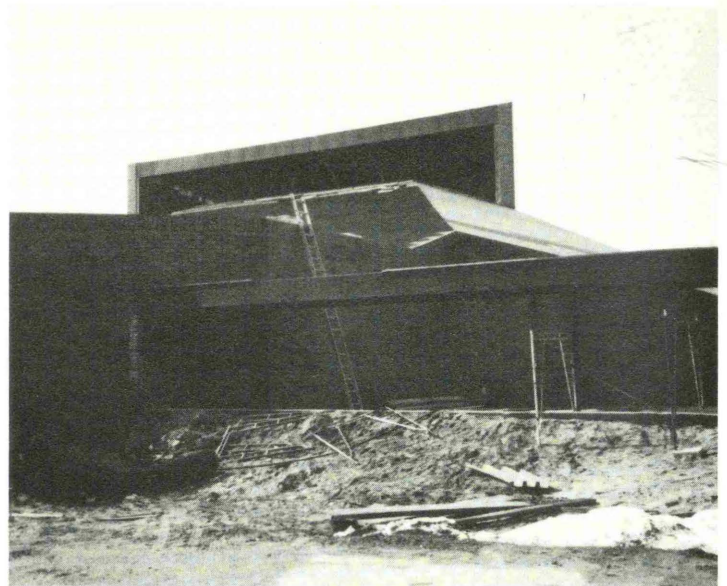


Huge Canopied Entrance

provides space to accommodate special events like wedding and funerals as well as protection from the elements.

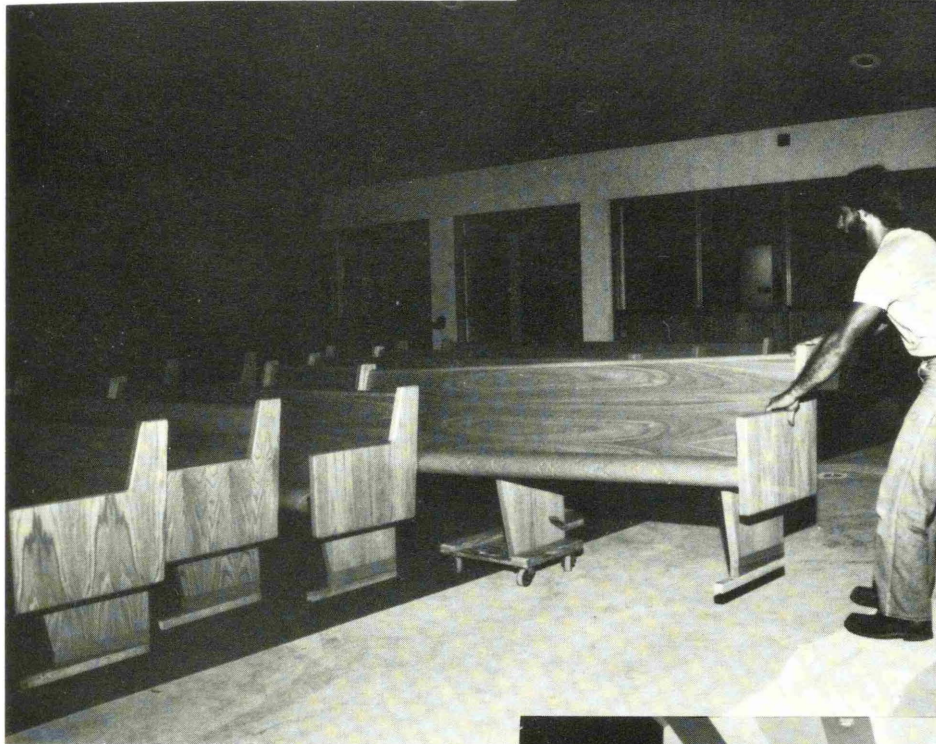
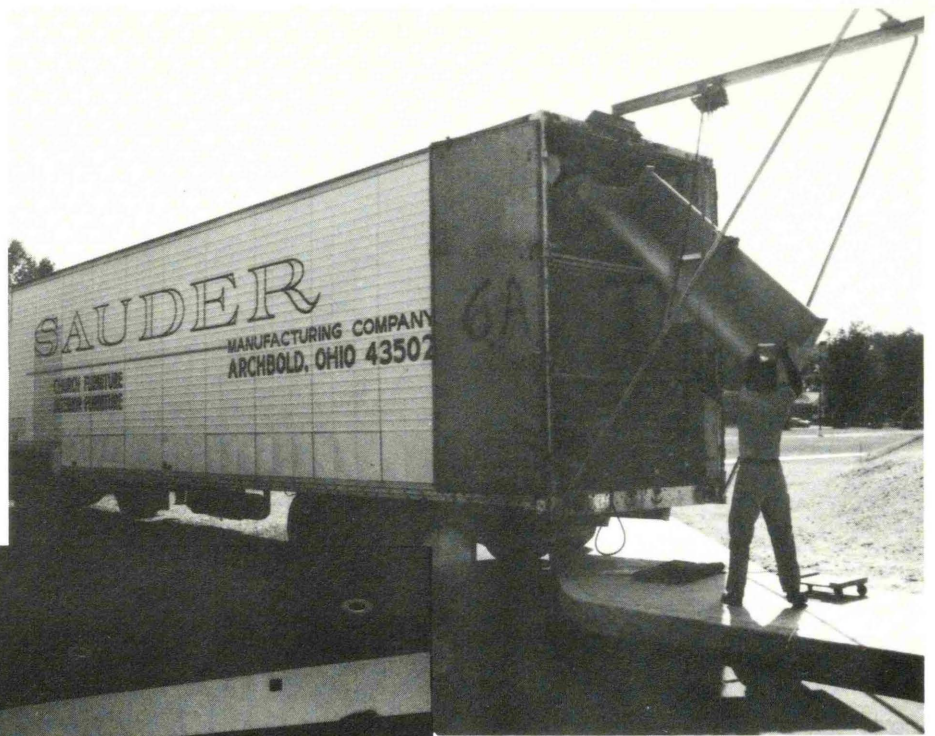
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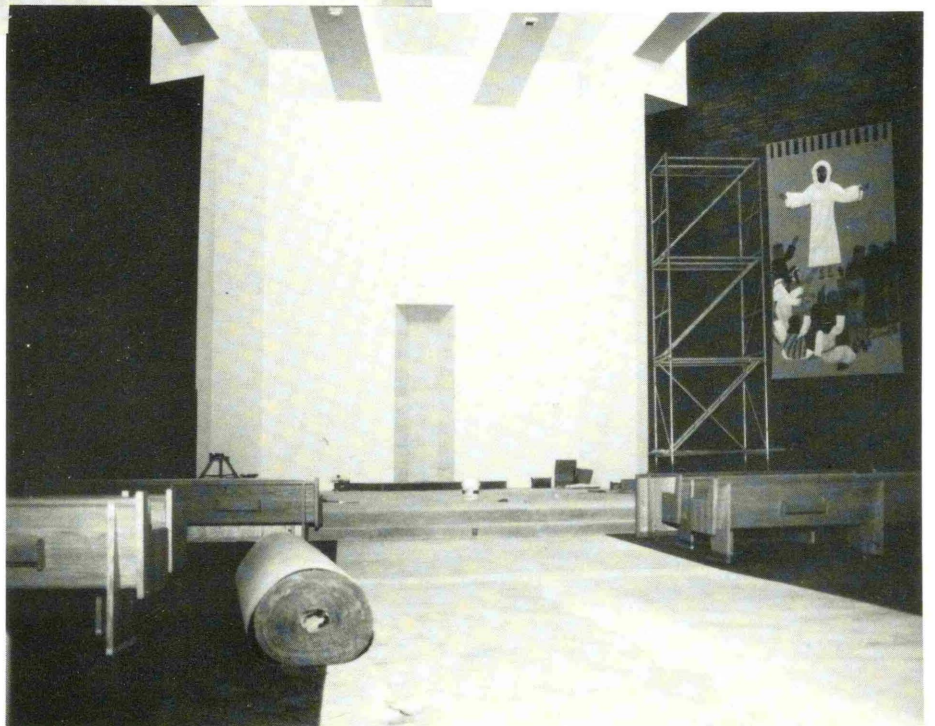
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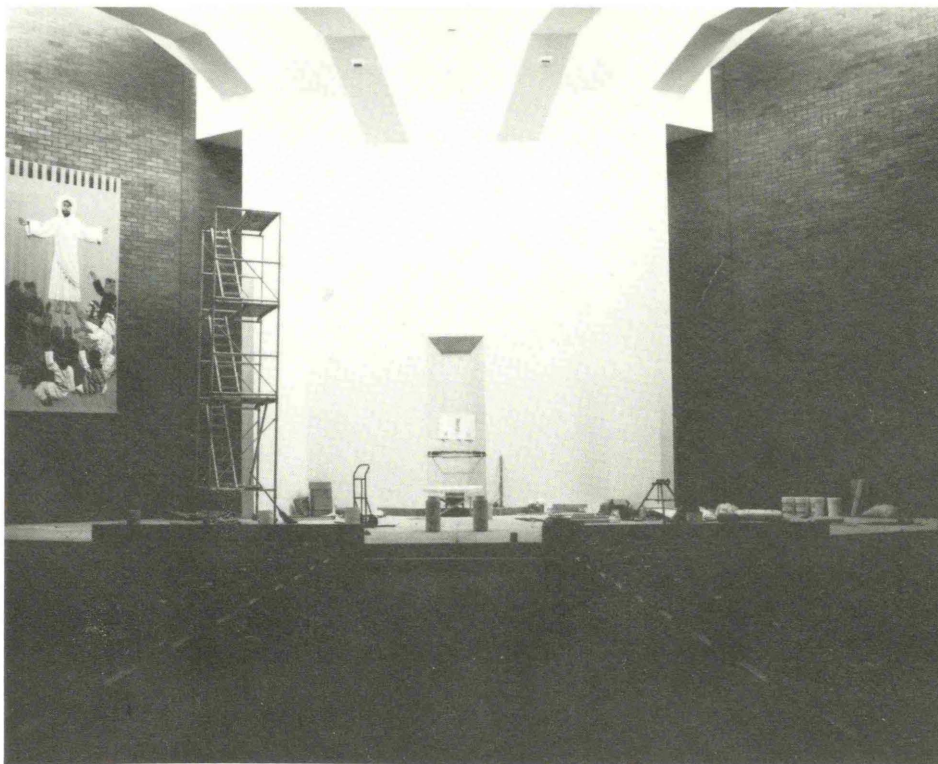
THE
PEWS HAVE
ARRIVED!!!



Beautiful light
oak pews complement
the red brick interior

Waiting for
the
Altar!!!



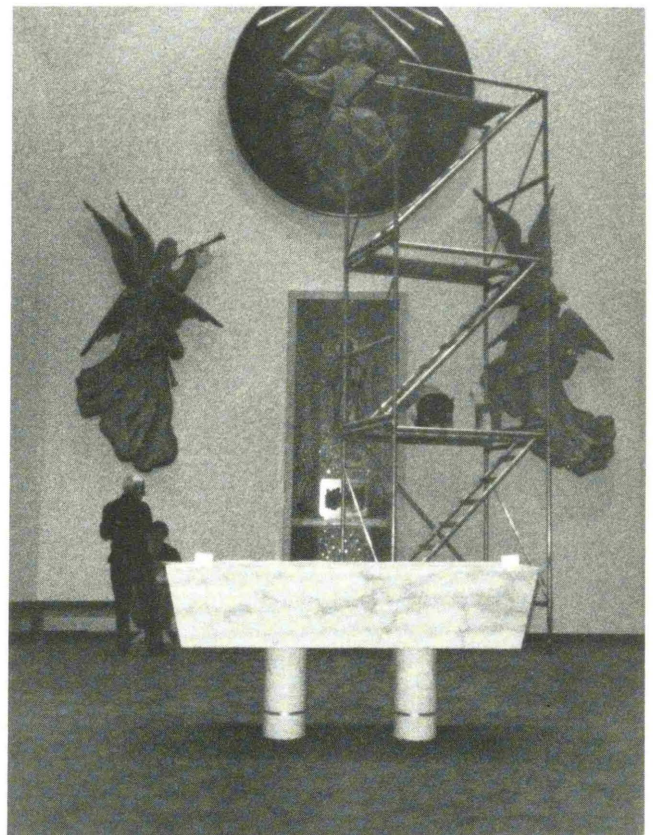


MEDALLION OF THE INFANT CHRIST

The Emblem of Nativity Parish

The hanging of the ten by ten foot Medallion was the final phase before Dedication Day on Sunday, September 18, 1983. How to get it hung in place was the question. A block and tackle was rigged Friday, and Saturday morning the hoist began. At 3:00 p.m., the Medallion was secured and forever remains as the symbol of the Faith of the Parishioners of Nativity Parish.





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A lot of time, talent and hard work, combined to plan and carry out a memorable and historical Dedication Day, September 18, 1983. These committees started their work "way back" on February 15, 1983.

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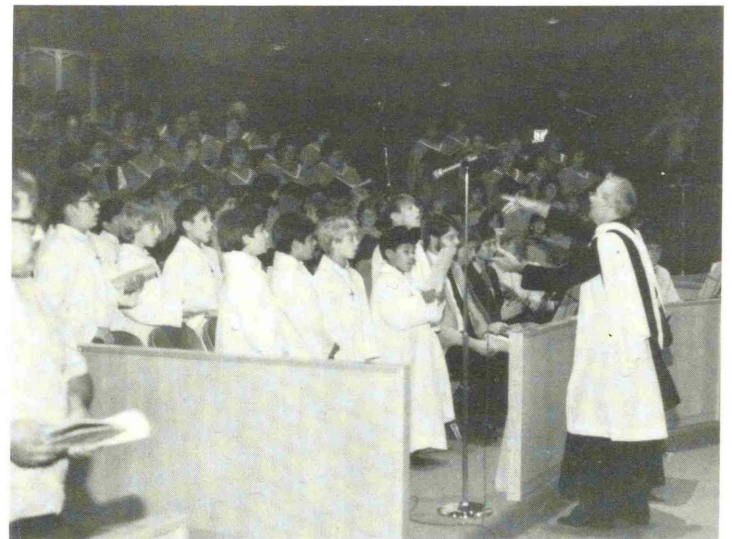
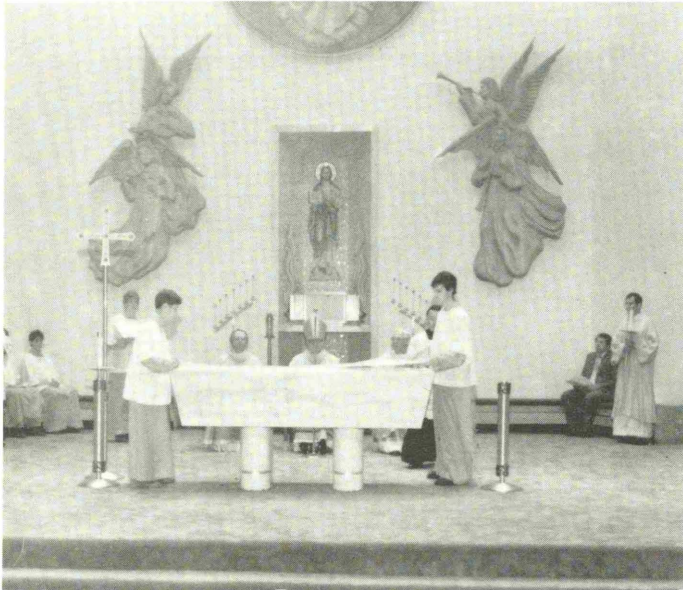


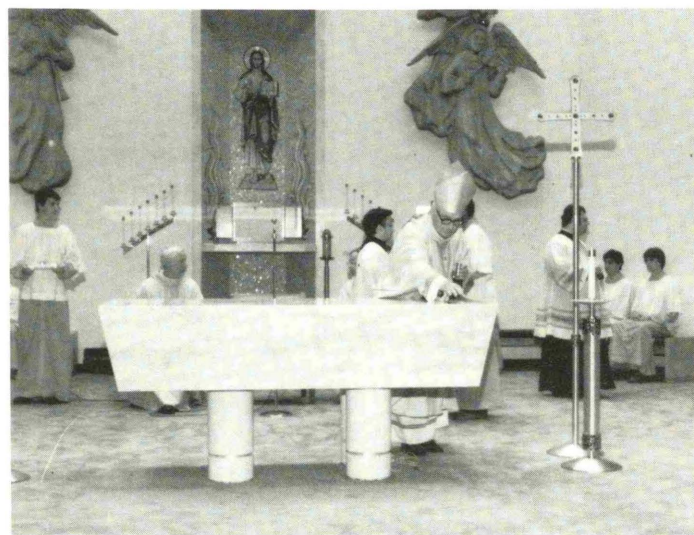
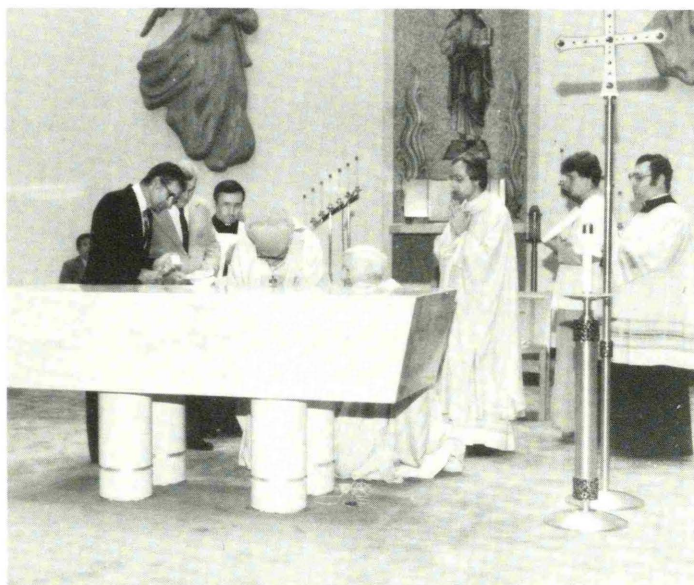
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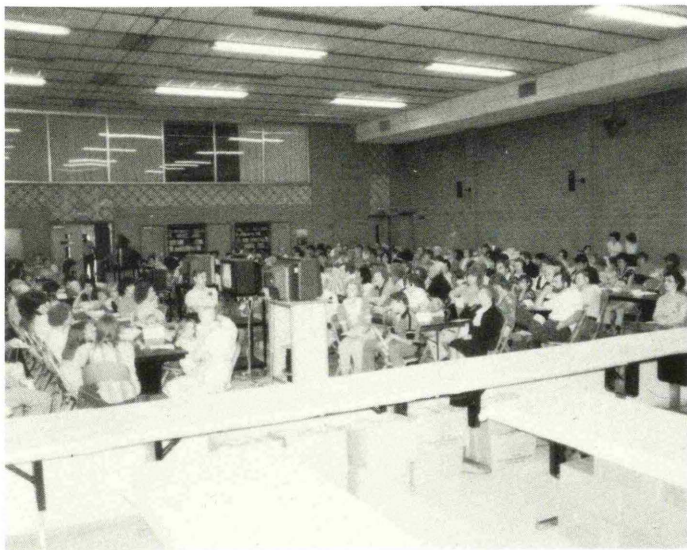
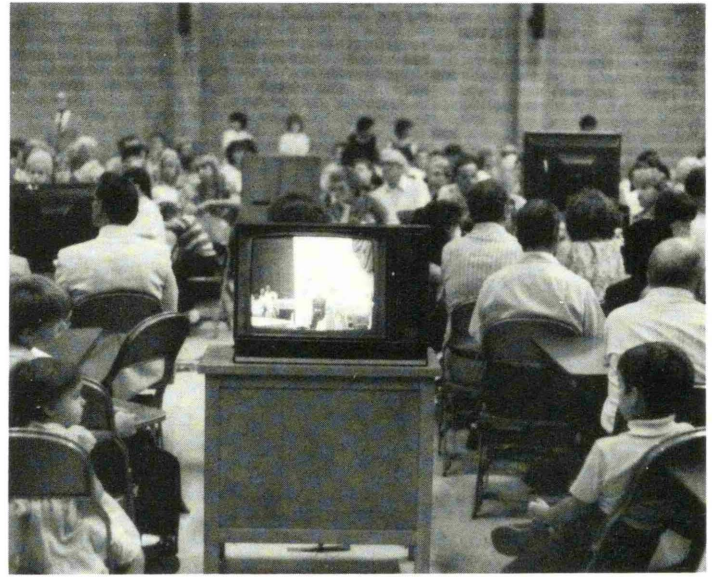
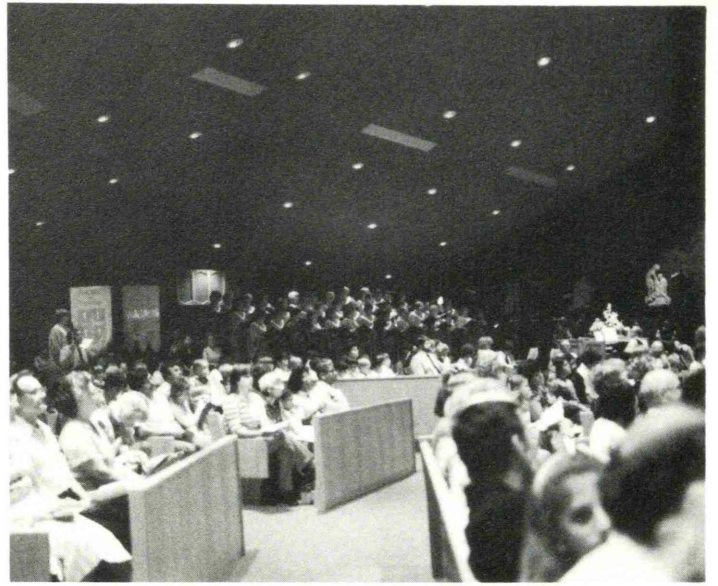
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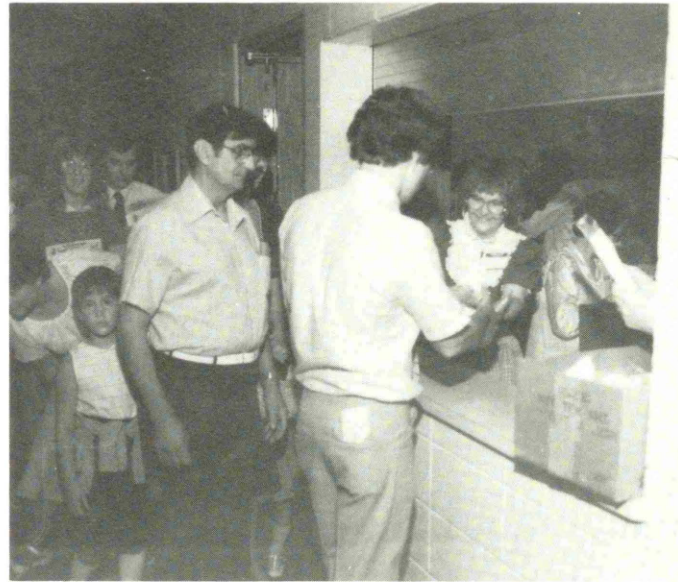
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The parishioners of Nativity of Our Savior Parish, acknowledge the services of G. M. Fedorchak and Associates, Inc., and these contractors who had a part in the construction of our new church.

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Facts about the Church

Nativity of Our Savior Church was designed to seat 1,000 persons. It took 80 tons of structural steel framing and approximately 60,000 utility masonry brick with special shapes. The interior of the church rises from 10 feet at the rear of the nave to a height of 50 feet at the altar. The high energy efficiency building is heated with zoned gas furnaces and air conditioned with air-cooled condenser units and air handlers controlled by micro-processors. The slightly sloped floor was constructed with 1000 + cubic yards of concrete. Most of the fully carpeted floor area of 18,600 square feet (net) will occupy red oak pews, complementing the red oak doors. The choir area will have room for a choir group of 100 persons plus room for the orchestra ensemble. The lobby area is approximately 2100 square feet which can provide additional seating capacity on special occasions such as Christmas Day.

THE ALLEN ORGAN

The new organ is a three manual, 51 stop Digital Computer Specification 805 Allen Organ. It was manufactured in Macungie, Pennsylvania by the Allen Organ Company to specifications chosen by the church and custom installation was provided by the Beautiful Sound, Chicago keyboard instrument firm.

The new organ speaks from twelve speaker cabinets and a total of 88 speakers in two locations. The Main Organ is located high above the sanctuary within the soffitt. The Antiphonal Organ is mounted in the decorative organ cases in the choir area.

The Allen Organ is played in the conventional manner, and produces the finest traditional organ sounds, but inside, it is a radically new and different kind of musical instrument.

The incomparable sound of the pipe organ has always been the standard by which classical music has been measured.

The Allen Organ is the only electronic organ, which, by means of containing and utilizing digital computers as its fundamental tone source, actually reproduces the sounds of the magnificent pipe organs. Winner of the prestigious Industrial Research 100 Award for excellence in design, it is the only musical instrument ever to be so honored.

The organ has 51 independent stops, without unification or duplexing. In addition there are eight stops which can be programmed by the organ at the console--by means of computer punchcards--to draw from a tonal library of hundreds of additional voices.

The console meets all American Guild of Organists' standards, includes a 12 key transposer, and capture combination piston system with a 68 combination capability.

The Allen Organ is modern technology's answer to the long search for excellence in organ sound. It combines the best in musical scholarship with high-technology computer science in the service of worship.



Carlo Curley, world famous organ virtuoso, played a special dedicatory recital on our new Allen Digital Computer Organ on Sunday, November 27, 1983.

Mr. Curley thrilled the audience at Nativity with his selections of music by J.S. Bach, W.A. Mozart, Felix Mendelssohn, plus many more and his own arrangement of "The End of a Perfect Day."

CHURCH ARTWORKS

Upon entering the church, attention is focused on the Infant Christ whose outstretched arms beckon you to respond to His love. The ten foot diameter centerpiece, carved in wood and stained in light brown tones, complete with gold leaf star and rays, is the work of Ferdinand Stuflesser of Ortisei (St. Ulrich), Italy.

The fifty inch wood carved Pascal Candle Stand near the Baptismal Font is also the work of the German artisan, Stuflesser.

The seven by three foot Altar and Ambo are made of Lioz Pero Pinheiro polished marble. They are supported on gold leafed columns.

The Baptismal Font of St. Florient Rose polished marble rests majestically on five gold leafed columns.

The Altar, Ambo and the Baptismal Font are from Portugal.

Shrines of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph are to the left and right of the sanctuary. The statues in these shrines, because of their deep sentimental value, were transferred from the former church building. The Blessed Mother with the Holy Child in her arms was specially designed for Nativity by the first pastor, Rev. Joseph E. Till. Traditionally, St. Joseph has the Child in his arms, but Father Till deemed it more appropriate that Jesus be in His Mother's arms at the Church of His Nativity. St. Joseph is shown in his role of carpenter.

The statues of Mary and Joseph are on twin oak backdrops measuring ten feet tall at the highest point and four feet wide. These backdrops as well as the Angels, the Fourteen Stations and the Crucifix are wood carvings designed and executed by Timothy A. Weberding and Weberding's Carving Shop in Batesville, Indiana.

Carved in oak, the sixteen foot Crucifix is nine feet, four inches across. The open arms of the Savior, lovingly embracing the sinful and the suffering of the world, is dramatically represented by the noble nine foot Corpus with a ninety-four inch arm span.

The three foot high Stations are carved in light oak and stand out augustly against the shaded red brick wall of the church. The inset pictured in the centerfold near the Crucifix is the Fourth Station: "Jesus Meets His Afflicted Mother."

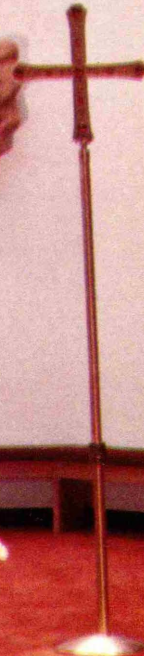
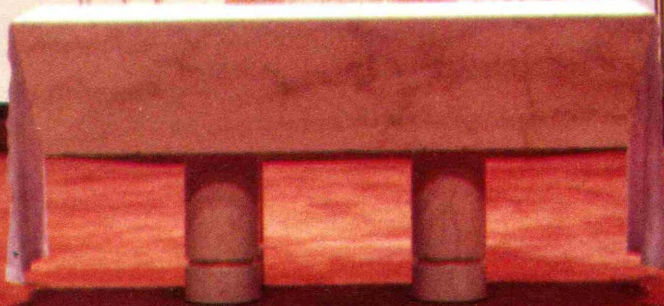
The stately Angels announcing the birth of Jesus are eleven and a half feet high and are carved of the same light oak as the Stations.

The beautiful mosaic murals were assembled by John Horvath and Company of Detroit, Michigan. The Teaching Christ, located behind the Altar, Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Sacred Heart Shrines at the back of the church are made of 'smalti' mosaics. The backgrounds are beige mosaics with ten percent gold. The frames are of Pero Pinheiro polished marble. They were made in Italy.

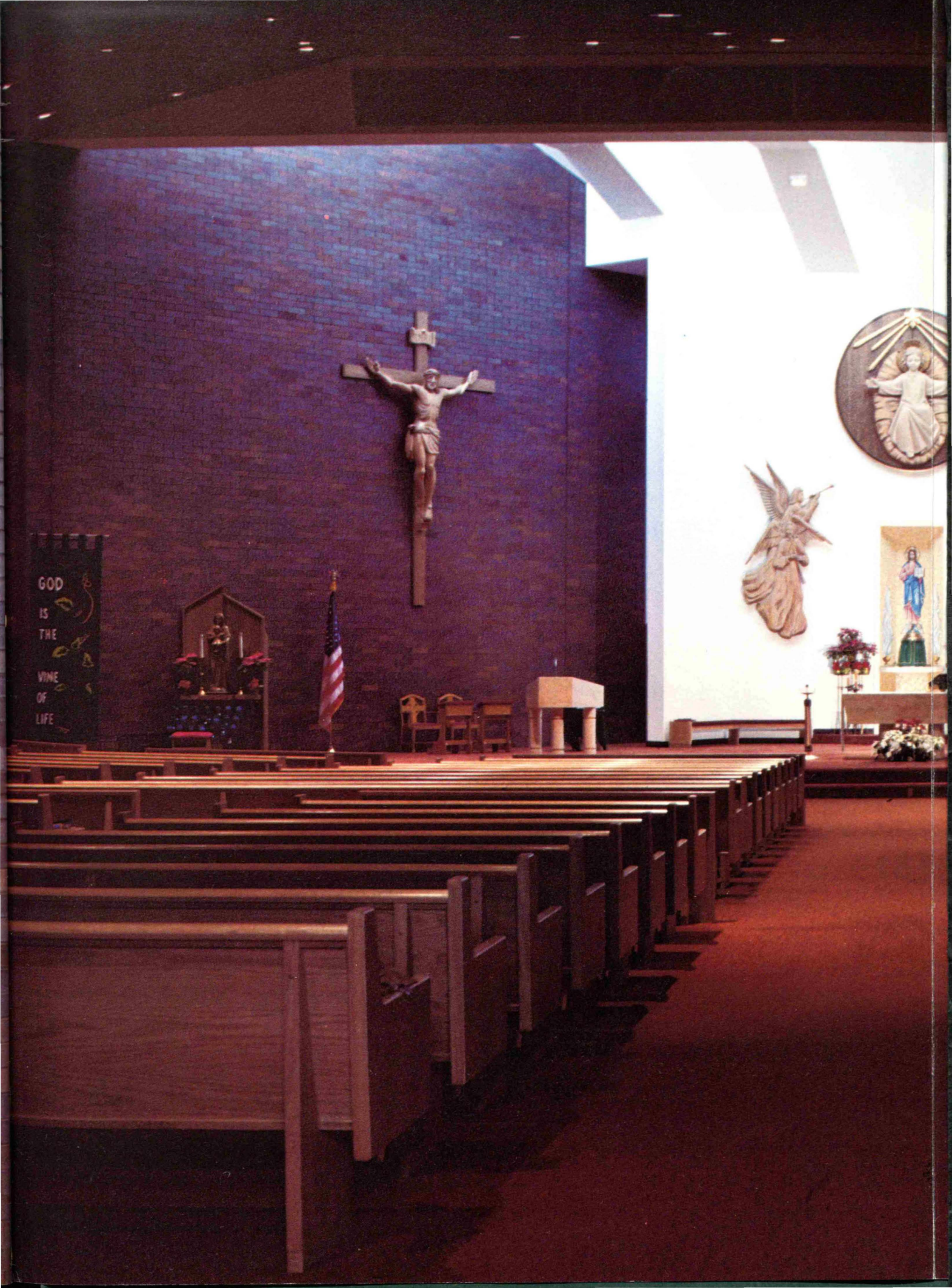
The final moments of Jesus on earth and His last words to His Apostles at the Ascension (Mt. 28: 16-20), His arms still outstretched to embrace the world, is depicted in the sixteen by ten foot tapestry on the right hand wall of the sanctuary. This is the work of three Nativity parishioners: Jane Saims, Iris Witherell and Sally Iatarola. Working from a ten inch drawing rendered by Peggy Riccardo of Chicago, and using both donated and purchased materials, the three spent five hundred and fifty hours fashioning the life-like scene of the Ascension of Christ.

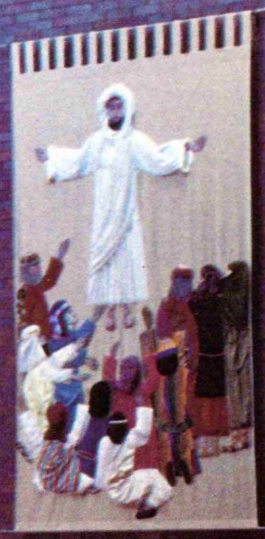
The twelve wall crosses along the side walls, representing the twelve apostles, signify that Nativity Church has been consecrated. These crosses are the original work of Robert Bonta.

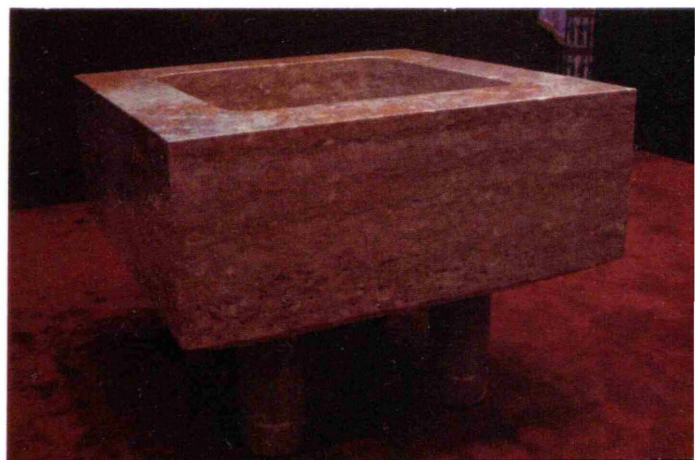
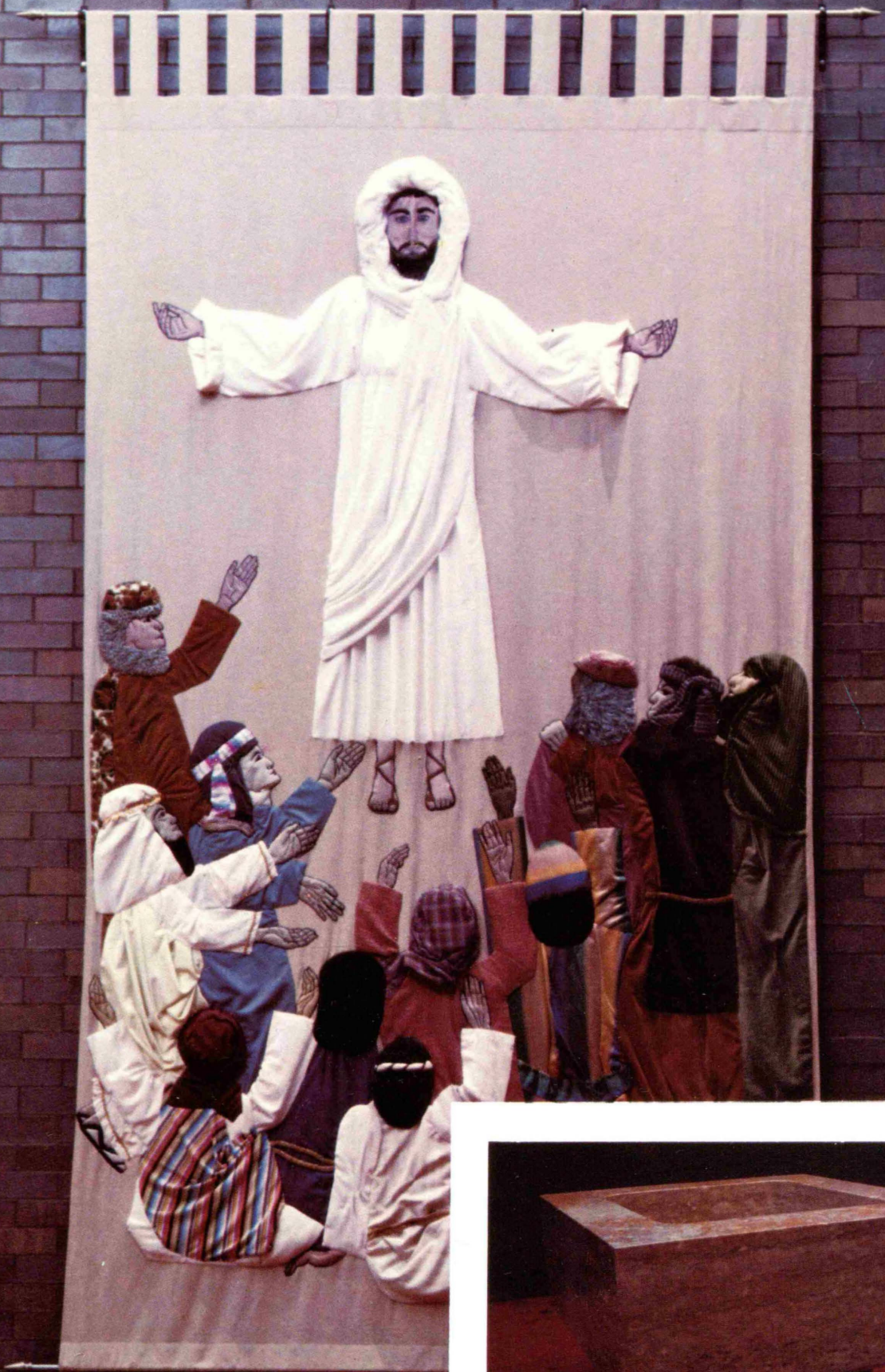
The artistic design of the church is the result of the foresight and ingenuity of the pastor, Rev. Carl F. Mengeling.



















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Nativity Altar and Rosary Sodality

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Margaret Gregory in Memory of Maria, Peter Sr., Peter, Jr. and Henry

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ALTAR MISSAL

Eunice, Eric and Adam Hiller

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Nativity Holy Name Society

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Family of Lillian Czepiel in Loving Memory
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"The Font of Eternal Life", Deacon Alexander and Jane Saims

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Nativity Youth Group

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In Thanksgiving for Jerome Guzik

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Nativity School Eighth Grade, Class of 1982-83

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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SHRINE

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PASCHAL CANDLE STAND

Stephen and Ana Maria Grandfield

PICTURE OF POPE JOHN PAUL II

In Memory of Troy Hill

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Her parents, Clarence and Marguerite Hreha, in Memory of Vicki Lynn Hreha

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Fourth Station

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Fifth Station

John and Joan McDougall and Family

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Thanksgiving

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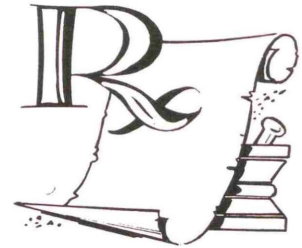
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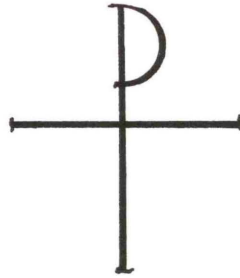
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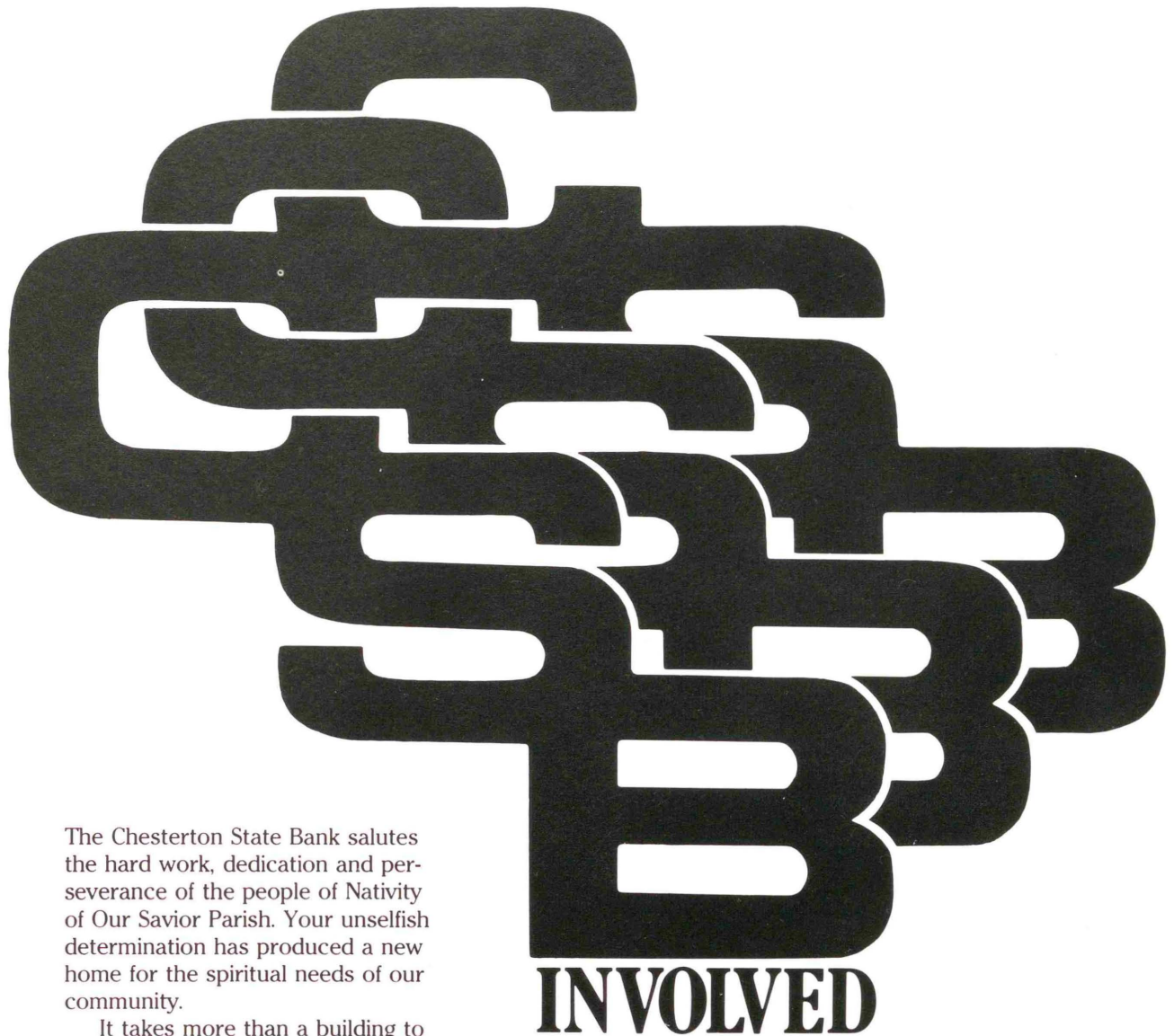
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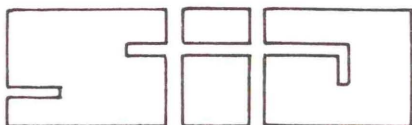
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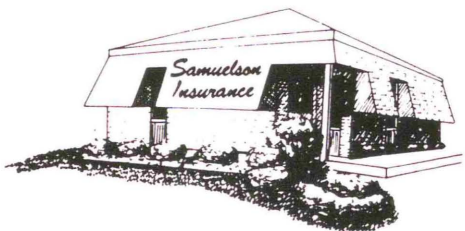
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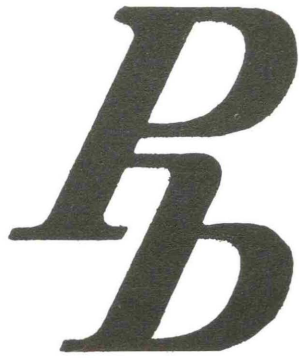
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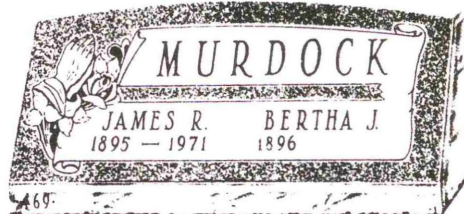
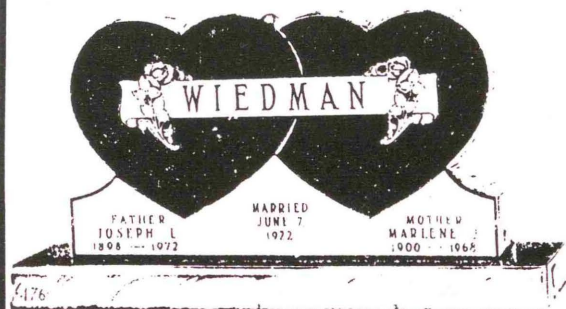
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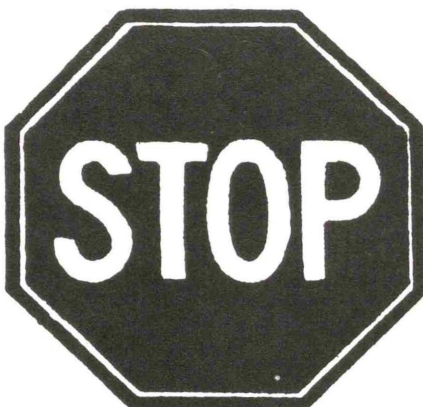
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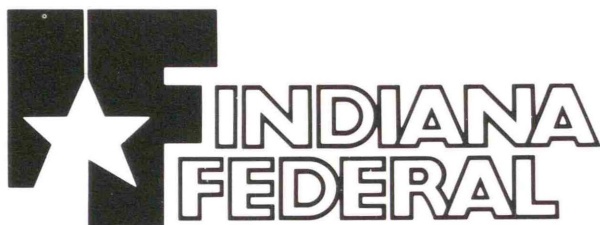
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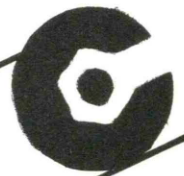
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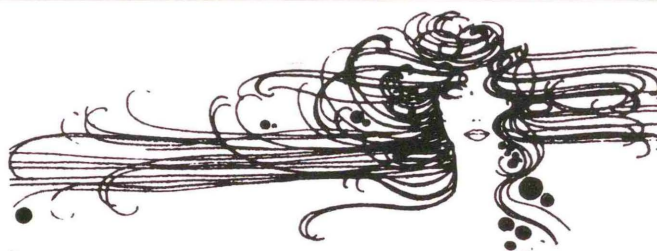
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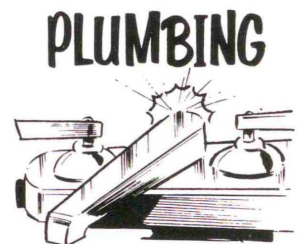
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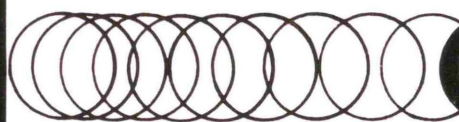
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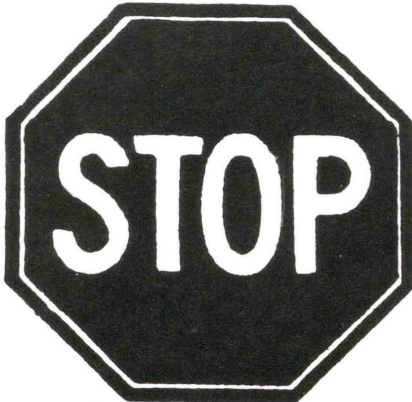
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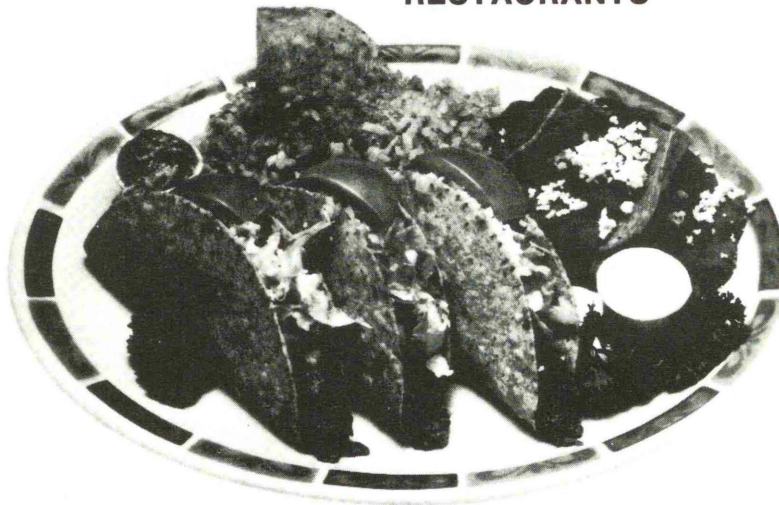
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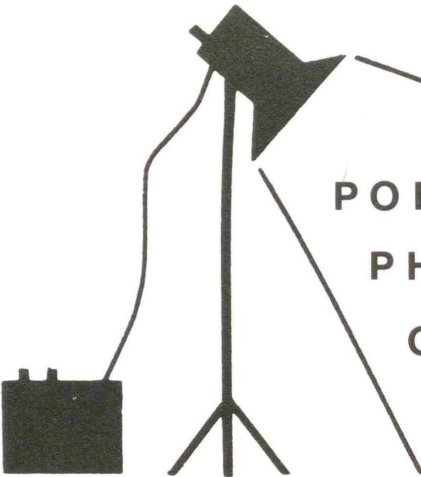
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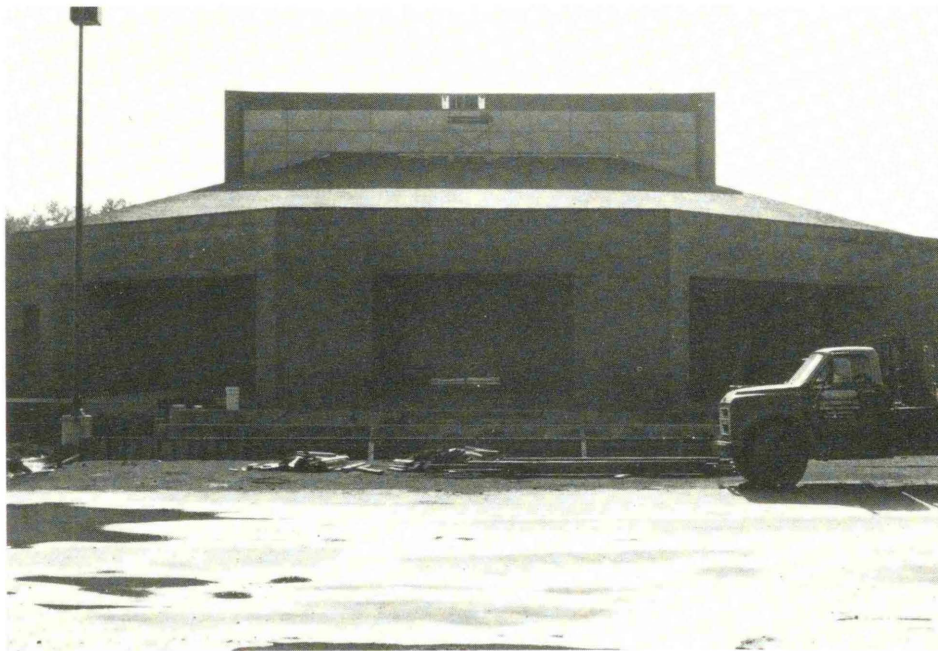
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